



THE YADAVINDRIAN

YEAR BOOK 2023-24

YADAVINDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PATIALA



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Maharajadhiraj Yadavindra Singh



*Our Patron
Maharaja Captain Amarinder Singh*



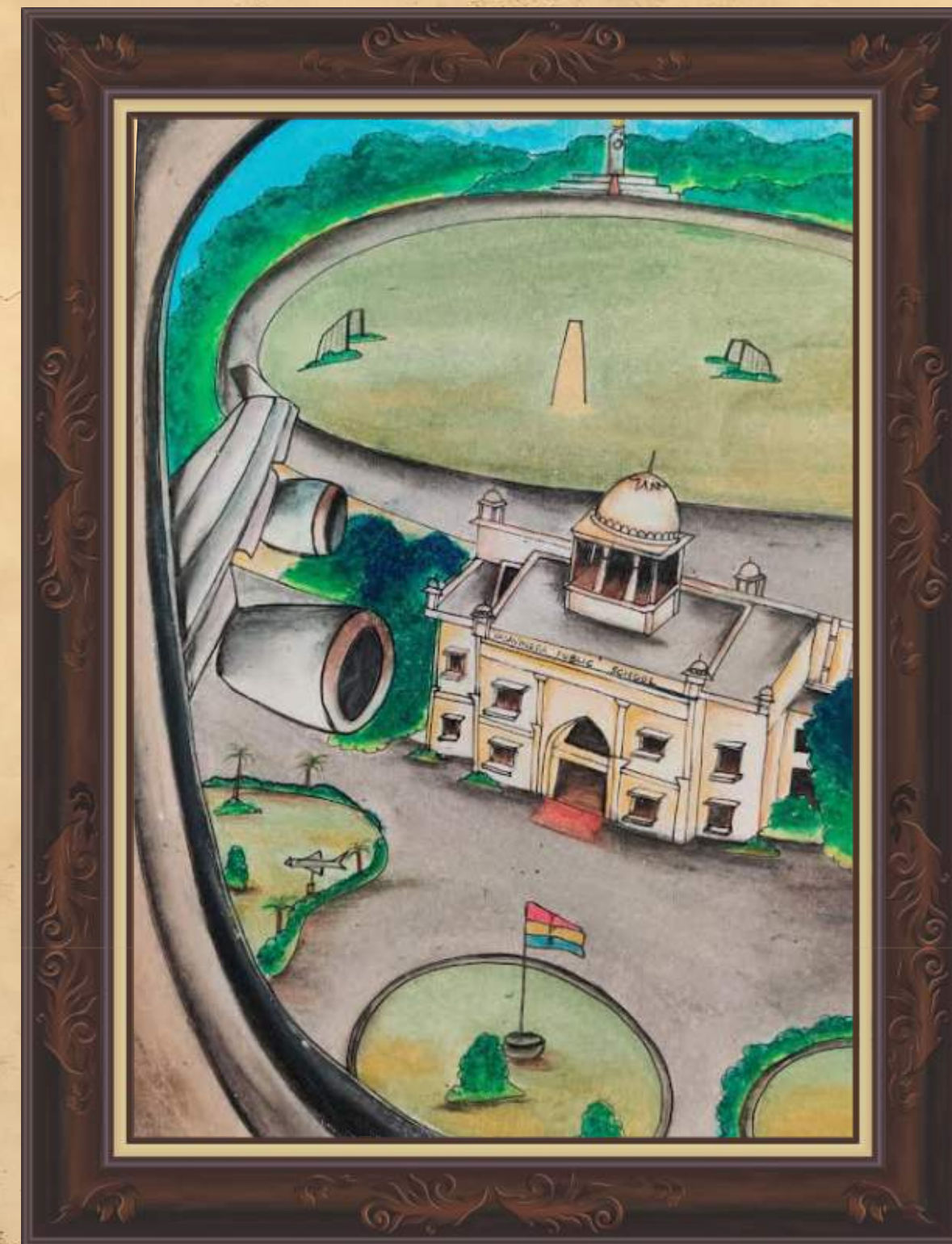
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An Artist's Vision -



Bird's Eye View of The School Building



Director's MESSAGE

As we come to the end of the current academic session, I look back upon the months that have gone past in a flurry of activities with considerable satisfaction and gratitude. Together we have taken great strides in our pursuit of excellence in all fields of academics, extracurricular activities and sports. I am grateful to the very fine team of teachers, ably supported by the efficient administrative staff who have worked so hard to uphold the highest standards of the school. Special thanks also to the students and the parents who have supported us in all our endeavours.

Our approach during the last few months has been centred on 'back to basics' philosophy. During this period we have tried to focus upon our academic curriculum with a view to promoting critical thinking, experiential learning and encouraging an inquisitive culture among the students. In so doing, special emphasis has been laid upon improving communication skills of students and also exposing them to various life skills.

The pandemic, which is now mercifully behind us, had taken its toll on our sporting culture. We have tried to revive many of our sports teams which had lost some of the old lustre. In individual sports our students have covered themselves with glory at the IPSC, State, National and even International levels. Kudos to them.

Discipline is the bedrock upon which all great institutions are built. This is an area in which we have constantly raised the bar and I am delighted to see the progress made by the students who have responded so splendidly to our untiring demands.

In consonance with the 'back to basics' approach, infrastructure development has been done with a view to making our academics, sports and extracurricular activities more meaningful.

The focus has been upon improving our class rooms, laboratories, play areas, staff rooms, dormitories, visitors' rooms and parks. This is an ongoing process which has already given us rich dividends.

"Intelligence plus character is the goal of true education," said Martin Luther King. Yadavindrians must be imbued with both. We must endeavour to produce men and women with character who are worthy citizens of our great country. Our ethical compass must guide us in the journey of life so that we are able to navigate our path on the road less travelled and find our way to the moral high ground. A Yadavindrian must be the epitome of moral courage and be possessed with the strength to stand up for his/her convictions regardless of the cost. Please remember ,dear students ,that at the end of the day you should be able to stand in front of the mirror and say - "I did my best!" In order to be able to do so ,you sometimes have to plough a lonely furrow. Do not hesitate to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Only then will you be able to fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run.

Stay happy. Stay blessed.

- Maj Gen (Retd.) B.S. Grewal

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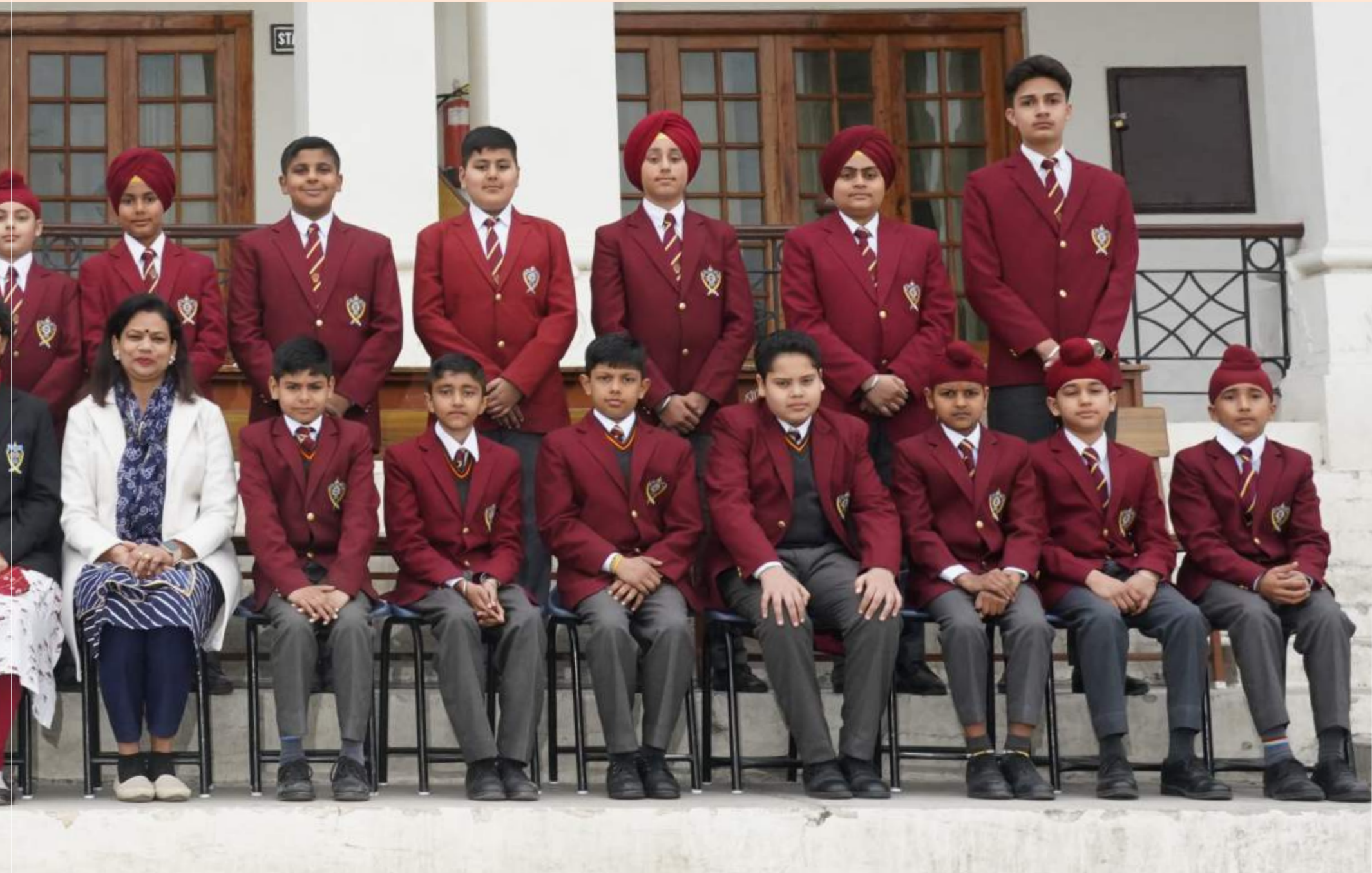
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...In Conversation - WITH SCHOOL DIRECTOR, MAJ GEN (RETD.) B. S. GREWAL

Q. How do you feel about joining your school as the Director after decades, Sir?

A. I think it is the ultimate honour for me to be the Director of the school which I joined 60 years ago as a student. Truly the pinnacle of my aspirations. I undertook this responsibility with humility in my heart; a prayer on my lips and a resolve to contribute positively in every sphere of activity and keeping the interests of students paramount at all times.

Q. How has the school changed over the years? Are these changes positive and augur well for the future of the school?

A. Change is inevitable and change must be welcomed. YPS today is very different from what it was in the 1960s. The school is much bigger today and there has been a tremendous improvement in infrastructure. From somewhat humble beginnings, it has grown to be a premier public school of the country.

There was a ship called INS Patiala where the swimming pool now exists. I and my brother were day scholars and lived opposite the Nalagarh Gate where the banks are now located. We used to simply cross the road to get to school.

In the old days we used to have the assembly in what is now the library and there was no Junior School or Foundation Wing. Also, there were very few girls in class - we were primarily a boys' school. What has not changed is the indomitable spirit of Yadavindrians - they have always been and will continue to be winners all the way.

Q. What memories do you have of your school days ? Any remarkable things you remember of your Headmaster, Lt Col Frank Von Goldstein, your teachers or your peers?

A. The question brings to the fore a plethora of sepia- tinted thoughts.

I remember Col Goldstein standing in the corridor on cold winter mornings looking at us sternly to see if our shoes were shining and that we had our hands out of our pockets. Sardar Harpal Singh was a terror in the sports field and was fairly liberal in using the hockey stick to discipline us. In class my favourite teacher was Mr NP Bakshi who made Maths so easy to understand. For some reason, I have a very fond memory of a little brown notebook in which we used to write essays in English and I invariably got laudatory remarks from Col Goldstein for my efforts.

Another great memory is of our Colts team beating Sanawar 13 - 0 in Hockey! Cricket was always a great craze. We could play throughout the day, regardless of the weather. We did not have a swimming school in the school premises and used to go to the Army pool for swimming. The more daring among us would venture up to the 10-meter board and take a thrilling plunge into the water.

I also remember taking part in two plays. I had an inconsequential role in Julius Caesar (Shakespeare) and later a more challenging one as the Inquisitor in St Joan (Bernard Shaw).



Q. Did you ever get the chance to meet the School Founder, His Highness Yadavindra Singh?

A. His Highness Maharaja Yadavindra Singh was a towering personality. We used to see him on occasions such as the Sports Day and the Founder's Day. He was a great source of inspiration and motivation for us. All of us in school held him in great awe and respect.

Q. How did the school shape up your personality and prepared you for your career ahead in the defence forces, sir?

A. The school always laid a lot of emphasis on outdoor activities and sports. Treks were a regular feature.

Defence was a prized career in those days. The country had just gone through the 1962 war and this was followed three years later with a war against Pakistan on the Western front. Patriotism ran high and everyone wanted to join the Armed Forces. So many of us from the '67 batch did become officers in the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.

In addition to the school's motivation, the fact that my father and all his brothers were in the Armed Forces made my decision to join the Army quite straightforward.

Q. What is your vision for the school for the next five years with respect to sports, extra-curricular activities and the new boarding policy?

A. I would rather not comment on the existing school policy but I do look at the future with great optimism. I do not see the future as something which will unfold in a particular way but rather as something which we need to mould in the way we want it to be. Let us create the future we want. A future in which the school becomes a centre of excellence in the fields of academics, sports and extra-curricular activities.

A school is as good or as bad as its students. A Yadavindrian must always be a role model in society. Besides being good as students, it is important for us to be good human beings and responsible citizens of our great country. Discipline, particularly self-discipline is the key to this. The emphasis should be on developing character and qualities which will stand us in good stead in the long run That is the kind of future we should aspire to create.

Q. Are there any old practices, for that matter, which you think have disappeared over the years and need to be revived again?

A. I find that in the old days House Spirit was a major driving force which spurred us on to achieve excellence. Sadly, this is no longer evident. I would like to revive this in every possible way because there is nothing better than healthy competition to bring out the best in us. We also need to give greater impetus to competitiveness in team games such as Hockey and Football. I am confident that the measures taken in the recent past will ensure that this happens soon enough.

Q. Finally, sir your association with the school has been long and momentous. How would you describe YPS, which is like our second home, in three words?

A. Our motto says it all. 'Vidya. Vinay. Veerta'. Let us strive to be worthy of it!



REAPING REWARDS

THE ANNUAL ACADEMIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Rewards aplenty, laurels galore

In victory's embrace, we proudly soar!

YPS observed its 74th Annual Academic Day on the 12th of August, 2023. The affair was marked by the exalted presence of Lt General Chetinder Singh, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd.), member of the YPS Board of Governors.



The event commenced on a spiritual note, with a honeyed musical presentation and the Lighting of the Lamp, followed by a pleasant vocalization of the School Song and a ‘Ganesh Stuti ‘dance.

The Annual School Reports were read by Samaira Singh, Head Girl, Uday Batra, Head Boy and Junior

School students, Ivaana and Fatehsher Singh Virk. The School Reports were followed by the Director’s address, where Maj Gen BS Grewal, VSM (Retd.) threw light on all the events of the Academic Year 2022-23 and lauded the students and teachers for producing excellent results in all fields.



Next in line was the Prize Distribution Ceremony, where the ardent academicians of the school were felicitated for having displayed exemplary performances.

The programme drew to an end with an enchanting rendition of the song ‘You Raise Me Up’ by the

school choir and the singing of the National Anthem.

The Academic Day left an indelible mark on our minds, making our hearts swell with both determination and pride.



TROPHIES AND MEDALS

(AWARDED AT THE ANNUAL ACADEMIC DAY)

1	Karishma Sandhu Memorial Trophy [Junior School]	Arjunveer Singh
2	M K Anand Memorial Award for the Best Result in Maths & Science [Junior School]	Ansh Goel
3	Inderjit Kaur Memorial Medal for the Best Academic Result [Junior School]	Gaurika Singla
4	Best All Round Student Trophy [Junior School]	Dhruvi Garg and Pareena Jolly
5	Inderjeet Singh Batra Medal for Best Academic Progress	Adavya Garg
6	Meetinder Art Shield [Middle Section]	Avni Mishra
7	Cariappa Art Shield [Senior School]	Ansh Taneja
8	Dhaliwal Silver Medal for Best Essay in English	Gurkirpa S Sarao
9	Amica Nehal Memorial Award [Music]	Viraj Singh
10	AI & Robotics Excellence Trophy	Krishiv Garg
11	S Harnam Singh Bal Maths Genius Award of Rs 7500 [Middle School]	Aarav Bansal
12	Best Debater of the Year [Senior School] [Rhency Debating Trophy & Dr. Karansher Sidhu Scholarship of Rs 10000]	Samaira Singh
13	Best Academic Result in Middle School	Aarav Bansal
14	Cub Reporting	Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia
15	Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Trophy for the Best Actor	Divroop K Sandhu, Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia
16	Majithia Medal for Best Average in English & Social Studies [ICSE]	Divroop K Sandhu
17	Prem Singh Batra Medal for Best Average in Science & Maths	Divroop K Sandhu
18	Aitchison Yadavindra Old Boys Medal for Standing First [ICSE] & Dr. Karansher Sidhu Scholarship of Rs 11000	Divroop K Sandhu
19	Nalagarh medal for the Best Average in Science & Maths [Non Medical]	Sarvagya Dev Thapliyal
20	Gurnam Singh Memorial Medal for the Best Result in ISC [Medical]	Sarvagya Dev Thapliyal
21	Gurnam Singh Memorial Medal for the Best Result in ISC [Humanities]	Hinam Walia
22	Aitchison Yadavindra Old Boys Medal for Standing First [ISC]	Hinam Walia
23	Old Boys Medal for the Best Result in English [ISC]	Hinam Walia
24	Goldstein Memorial Prize for the Best Effort	Nimar Sidhu
25	S Harnam Singh Bal Maths Genius Award of Rs 7500 [Senior School]	Trishleen Kaur
26	Ludra Medal for Best Result in Economics	Trishleen Kaur
27	S Harmeet Singh Batra Gold Medal for Standing First in ISC [Commerce]	Trishleen Kaur
28	Best Academic Result in Senior School	Trishleen Kaur
29	Yadavindra Gold Medal & Dr Karansher Sidhu Trophy & Scholarship of Rs 15000	Trishleen Kaur
30	Inter House Debating Trophy [Senior Section]	PH & MH
31	Inter House Debating Trophy [Middle Section]	PH
32	Study Cup	PH
33	IT Trophy	DRH
34	Inter House Dramatics Trophy	DRH
35	Inter House Trophy for Cultural Activities	DRH
36	Champion House Cup for the Best All Round House	DRH
37	Special Award for being the first YPS girl student to join Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute [Rs 5000]:	Seerat Sidhu
38	Maximum Improvement in Academics (Cash Reward of Rs 5000 each)	Seerat Virk, Abhiraj Bhasin, Malwinder Singh, Adavya Garg, Vansh Gupta

NEW STRUCTURAL CHANGES...

In the School



"Rest stops for minds in motion: Awnings and Benches dotting our campus invite moments of contemplation and connection."



"Enter the Realm of Tranquility."
Nalagarh Garden Gate"



"See, Hear, Inspire:
Our Revitalized AV Hall!"



"Empowering Minds, Wired Spaces!"
The new Cyber Cafe



"Transforming Spaces, Nurturing Dreams:
Our Revamped Girls' Boarding House!"



"Shining Bright: Harnessing Solar Power for Tomorrow!"
Solar Panels-100 KVA"



"Breaking Boundaries, Igniting Discovery:
Our Reimagined Chemistry Lab!"



"Where Discipline Meets Authority:
DHM's Renovated Office, Now with more space



"Paving the Way to Progress:
Widening Our School's Roads with Pavers!"



"Where Laughter Swings High:
Our new Junior playground of Joy!"



"Empowering Educators, Inspiring Excellence:
Our Renovated Staff Room!"



"Fitness Forward: Conquering Challenges on Our New Obstacle Course!"



"Tiny Explorers, Big Adventures: Welcome to Our Jungle Gym!"

THE FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

As YPS strode into the 76th year of its existence, we witnessed a myriad of activities that were specially engineered to commemorate the Foundation Day.



The Homage Paying Ceremony (Feb 2, 2024)



JANUARY 31, 2024

The 31st of January 2024, was enshrouded in revelries galore. The school organised a Special Assembly to acquaint the Yadavindrians with the history of YPS.

The enthusiasm in the air was palpable as the winners of the English Debates of 2023-24, held over the course of the school-year, congregated for the ultimate battle of wits. The topic was - 'The Replacement of Human Teachers with AI is a Beneficial and Viable Approach to Education'.

Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia of XI-Arts emerged victorious. Samaira Singh, the Head Girl for the Session 2023-24 bagged the second position and Vardhan Bansal of XI-Com followed in third place.



FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Tents and tepees, clad in fairy-lights, charts, and buntings, stood stratified along the periphery of the main school garden. The Fete, one of the most anticipated days of the year, attracted masses from near and afar. With stalls boasting diverse collections of collectables and food, game booths, and fair rides, the school went above and beyond to ensure that every attendee relished their time at the Fete. The jamboree kicked into action sharp at 11:00 am. Blessed with the sublime presence of Mrs. Grewal, the wife of Director Maj. Gen BS Grewal (VSM, Retd.) as the Chief Guest, the event ran for over 5 hours. With 'Tonga' rides, tattoo stalls, and a large collection of booths, the Fete satiated our hankering for a fun time!



FEBRUARY 2, 2024

The Homage Paying Ceremony, a day of deep significance to the school, unfolded with a solemn ceremony where all students paid homage to the visionary founder, Late Maharaja Yadavindra Singh. The event took place in proximity to the newly instituted statue of the Founder.

The Ceremony witnessed the presence of several luminaries. The Chairman of the YPS Board of Governors, Raja Malvinder Singh, Rani Hari Priya Kaur, Director of YPS Mohali, Maj Gen TPS Waraich, Lt Gen Chetinder Singh,

Lt Gen TS Shergill, President of AYOSA, Col RPS Brar, and Mr. Amarjot Singh Gill, alongside the Director of YPS Patiala, Maj Gen BS Grewal, Deputy Headmaster, Mr. Anil Bajaj, Bursar, Col RD Sharma, and several teachers and students.

The next few events in the Foundation Day sequence were the highly anticipated OYs vs YPS Annual cricket and basketball matches and, of course, the Pagal Gymkhana Games.

FAMILIAR FIELDS -

**OY VS SCHOOL
TEAMS CRICKET
& BASKETBALL
MATCHES**



A Tad Too Mad!

PAGAL GYMKHANA GAMES





...In Conversation -

WITH SCHOOL BURSAR, LT COL (RETD.) R.D. SHARMA

Q. Sir, how has your experience been at YPS Patiala so far?

A. Let me put it this way. Only after working in schools does one realize that interacting with children in the course of work is a privilege given to only a few. Working in a place filled with spontaneous laughter and excitement is a bliss. Being in YPS Patiala has been a wonderful experience because there is an ongoing drive for excellence and I get to do work which directly impacts students' experiences in school. This is a reward in itself!

Q. Tell us something about your previous work. Has your army background helped you in discharging responsibilities as the Bursar at YPS, Patiala?

A. Well, I was the Bursar at Daly College, Scindia School as well as in Qatar. I've had the opportunity to head the Loss Prevention teams of Reliance Brands for five years which was a really interesting experience. This work included evolving metrics, measuring and tracking performance of a large team performing varied services and audits across India. Military service and ethos dictate that one works as part of a team. We have a guiding principle in the Army which applies in YPS Patiala as well. We operate as per this dictum...The safety, welfare and development of the students comes first 'each and every time'.

Q. What are your other interests? (Games/ Hobbies)?

A. At the risk of sounding cliched, I really love reading. Also, I like keeping fit for which I manage to find time every day. I enjoy sports the most.

The school has seen some major infra structural expansion. What are

Q. your plans further in this regard?

A. In line with the vision of the Chairman and Honorable Board of Governors, the path ahead is laid down clearly. We are committed to the philosophy of 'Kaizen' which translates to 'continuous improvement' till such time we are the 'best in class' in terms of infrastructure and technology. In particular, we are going to keep enhancing not only amenities for boarding students, construct and improve academic, sport and residential facilities but also ensure that they remain operational and 'in use'.

Q. Boarding life is an important facet of the school. How do you plan to upgrade boarding facilities so that the students may find a 'Home away from Home atmosphere'?

A. The plans for a new state of the art Boarding House for Girls, Staff Quarters, new Classrooms are ready. Construction will start soon in a phased manner. We are in the process of providing a piped music/public address system in all dorms. A Snooker/Pool room for senior boarders is being provided. IT resources in Boarding houses including Holding House, are being increased so as to allow boarders to access information for studies without leaving the House.

Q. We are fortunate to have a lush green campus which very few schools in India can boast of. How do you plan to improve it further?

A. The process of planting native plants and increasing plant diversity has already commenced. A mix of trees and flowers with varying colors, textures, and bloom times to create a vibrant landscape have been chosen. We will see the effect within a year, give or take. We are jointly researching, in partnership with the Students Environment Club, a project for purification of recycled shower water by anaerobic treatment for irrigation.

Q. What do you have to say about the staff and students of YPS Patiala- their upkeep of the school provisions and their general conduct?

A. I feel that the staff and students of YPS Patiala are characterized by their warmth, resilience and a great sense of humor. Like in any heritage school, there is a palpable sense of pride in being part of this institution. The faculty is passionate, professional and empathetic. It was a pleasant surprise to see the comradeship existing in Boarding houses. In a lighter vein, any Bursar, if asked about upkeep of the school property by students, the reply would be in Latin 'Non contenti sunt custodiae scholae a discipulis'.





Junior School Activities



The following main activities were held in the Junior School during the session-
Declamations, Recitations, GK and Math Quizzes, Calligraphy Competitions, IT Competitions, Adventure Camps,
Science Model Making, Book Fair and of course, The Annual Entertainment Show.

Besides this, the students participated in other exercises such as cross country race and heritage walks.











...IN GOOD BOOKS
 Book fairs and exhibitions are regularly held n the school. One such book exhibition was held in the month of August. Some glimpses -





FOUNDATION WING ACTIVITIES

The years spent in the Foundation Wing are the formative, yet some of the most important, years of our lives.

In this session too, the Foundation Wing continued to conduct a plethora of activities to improve the knowledge, learning and skill of the tiny tots.





Some of the main activities held were -

Celebration of festivals and National Days - Diwali, Baisakhi, Janamshtami, Gurpurab, Christmas, Independence Day, Republic Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Mother's Day.

Other activities - Picnics, English Week, No Plastic Week, Adventure Camp, Puppet show, Go - Green campaign, International Yoga Day (online), Jungle Gym, Art Fest, Fruit Carnival, Dental and Eye Care Talk, Prep School Sports Day and the Junior School Entertainment Show.



Practical Life Skills
making me independent and





INTER-SCHOOL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

During the academic session 2023-24, the students participated and excelled in several inter-school events. The details are:-



S.No	Event	Host School	Achievements
1	Interschool Cultural Fest 'Capta Caelum' 2023	Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie	1. Viraj Singh ,XII-Commerce- Most Promising Artist in Rockband 2. Divina Puri ,X-N -Most Promising Artist in Fusion Dance
2	Literary Fest 2023	Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie	1. Eshreet Kaur ,VI-N - Promising Performer, for Hindi Recitation 2. Enayat Kaur Sandhu ,XII-Arts -Promising Debater
3	Celebration of International Astronomy Day	TIET , Patiala	Art- Category 1- Tejas Kaur ,IX-O 1st Position Category 2- Daksh Taneja ,XI-Commerce-1st Position Jahnvi Jain ,XII-Arts 2nd Position Quiz- Gurkirpa Singh ,XII-Science - 1st Position Karaninder Singh ,XII-Science - 2nd Position Divroop Kaur Sandhu ,XI-Science - 3rd Position
4	Zonal Level Literary Event Chandigarh Zone (ASISC)	Kaintal Senior School, Patiala	Best Speaker- Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia , XI Arts ;Best Debating Team -Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia and Vardhan Bansal , XI Commerce Art-Sub-Junior -Kyna Gupta, VIIIE ----1 st Junior- Tejas Shergill,,IX P: Seniors- Divroop Sandhu,XI Science - 2 nd . Creative Writing –Seniors-Gurkirpa Singh,XII Science -2 nd ;Juniors –Anubhav Verma,XO -2 nd Quiz- Seniors -Ira Mittal , XI Arts, and Dhriti Jain,XI Commerce, -1 st Runners-up
5	World Scholar's Cup Chandigarh Round (Senior)	Learning Paths School, Mohali	1. Krishiv Garg ,X-P- 6 gold 5 silver 2. Avraj Manchanda, XE- 2 gold, 2 silver 3. Kritik Jain , XE -3 gold, 1 silver 4. Aahana Goel ,XN- 1 silver 5. Anubhav Verma ,XO- 3 silver 6. Manan Rai Sood,IXO - 4 gold, 1 silver
6	World Scholar's Cup Chandigarh Round (Junior)	Learning Paths School, Mohali	1. Kyna Gupta ,VII-E- 7 gold 2. Harshvardhan Rajesh Kakkar ,X-O- 5 gold and 2 silver 3. Suhab Chugh ,VIII-E- 4 gold and 2 silver 4. Aashna Sharma ,VII-E- 3 gold and 2 silver 5. Harpartap Singh Sidhu ,VII-E- 2 gold 6. Simran Sidhu ,IX-O- 2 gold and 1 silver The Team Bowl trophy was won by YPS, Patiala
7	IPSC IT Fest	Mayo College Girls, Ajmer	Krishiv Garg ,X-P. and Hemayat Cheema .IX-E- 1st Position in Website Designing Competition
8	Negotium AGON - Business Quiz	Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie	Harshita Thaman, XII Commerce - Outstanding Award in Auction round

S.No	Event	Host School	Achievements
9	IPSC Visual Art Fest	Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya , Gwalior	1. Alina Jain ,XI-Arts, and Tanish Sarao ,XI-Arts- Inspiring Artist in Drift wood Decoration 2. Tejas Kaur Shergill (IX-P)- Artistic Excellence in Miniature Painting
10	Inter-school Debate Competition	Bedi Foundation, New Delhi	The team was declared the winner Team members- Divroop Kaur ,XI-Science , and Gunraj Kaur XI Commerce
11	Inter-school Jindal Art Festival 2023	Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar	1. Raunaq Sharma , XI Arts, Vriti Sharma ,IX-P) Gatha Mittal ,IXP , Pearl Kohli,VIII P. Vanya Singla,VIII P. , Divyanshi Pathak, VIII P, Prisha Mahindru, VIII P 3 rd position in Folk Dance 2. Raunaq Sharma, XI Arts , and Daksh Taneja ,XI-Commerce- 3 rd position in Canvas Painting 3. Gurtaj Harika , XI Arts , and Pranvat Singh ,X-E : 2 nd position in Videography
12	JK Kate Memorial Knowledge Enclave	Punjab Public School, Nabha	1. Debating Team secured the 1 st position .the team comprised of Samaira Singh ,XII-Arts,Malik Arjun Ahluwalia, XI Arts, and Divroop Kaur Sandhu XI Science)
13	Inter School Annual Col Frank Von Goldstein Memorial Debate	Yadavindra Public School, Patiala	1. Samaira Singh ,XII-Arts,Malik Arjun Ahluwalia, XI Arts, and Divroop Kaur Sandhu XI Science-2 nd Position
14	World Scholar's Cup Global Round	Held in Bangkok	Junior Division: - 1. Simran Sidhu ,IXO: 3 silver 2. Suhab Kaur ,VIII E: 1 gold , 3 silver 3. Samrat S. Boparai ,VII E: 2 gold , 5 silver 4. Divagam S. Kocher ,VII E: 1 gold, 1 silver 5. Kyna Gupta (VII E): 2 gold 4 silver Senior Division: - 1. Vardhan Bansal, XI Commerce : 2 gold, 4 silver 2. Kritik Jain ,XE 1 gold , 4 silver 3. Krishiv Garg ,XP: 3 gold , 7 silver 4. Maanit Gupta ,X N 2 gold , 3 silver 5. Avraj S. Manchanda ,XE 1 gold , 8 silver 6. Manan Rai Sood , IXO - 2 gold , 3 silver
15	ASISC Northern Region Literary Event	Shri Guru Harikrishan Public School, Amritsar	1. Malik Arjun, XI Arts – 1 st Position in Debate (Gold Medal), Qualified for District Level 2. Divroop Kaur Sandhu , XI Science –3 rd Position in Declamation (Bronze Medal) 3. Kyna Gupta , VII E –3 rd Position in Painting Competition (Bronze Medal)
16	World Robotics Olympiad	Shiv Nadar School, Gurgaon	1. The Elementary Team was 2 nd in the Regional Round, Qualified for the National round: Viresh Jindal: VP Shubeg Partap: IVO Aaryah Sidhu: III-E





S.No	Event	Host School	Achievements
17	Annual English Debate Persuasive Speaking and Business Conclave	Vivek High School, Chandigarh	1. 1 st Position in Tag Line and Logo Designing: Vinamer XI-Commerce Gurtaj XI-Arts
18	STEM India Conference	BR Ambedkar Auditorium, New Delhi	Rehaan Raj , IXP - Innovation RRSAT
19	The Sanawar Literary Fest 2023		1. Anvi Gupta , XI Commerce –1 st Runner Up in Slogan Writing
20	Sardar Harpal Singh Memorial Inter-School Debate	General Harnam Singh Public School, Sangrur	1. YPS, Patiala, team comprising Vardhan Bansal, XI Commerce, and Enayat Sandhu ,XII Arts ,secured the first position . Vardhan was declared the Best Speake
21	SDG Summit Punjab Chapter: Solaris Great Debate and Poster Making	St. Joseph Convent School, Bathinda	Great Debate:- 1. Anvi Gupta, XI Commerce - Jury Award 2. Karanveer Singh Rai, IX O -3rd Position 3. Kyna Gupta, VII E - 1 st in Poster Making Poster Making:- 1. Kyna Gupta ,VII-E 1st Position
22	World Scholar's Cup; Tournament of Champions	Yale University, New Haven, USA	1. Malik Arjun Ahluwalia , XI Arts- 3 gold, 4 silver 2. Divroop Sandhu , XI Science- 3 gold, 2 silver 3. Vardhan Bansal XI Commerce- 1 gold, 3 silver 4. Renee Dhadli,X E- 1 gold, 2 silver 5. Shreevardhan Dev Thapliyal,IX O- 2 gold, 4 silver 6. Asees Waraich , IX P- 4 gold, 2 silver 7. Rehaan Gupta, IX E –4 Gold, 4 Silver
23	MSSSP Painting Competition	Modern Senior Secondary School, Patiala	Raunaq Sharma , XI Arts - 2nd Position Ira Mittal, Xi Commerce, and Japman Sarin ,VIIE- Consolation Prize
24	ICS International Painting Competition	Institute of Careers Study, Delhi	The paintings made by Jasnoor Kaur Sarin ,X-O, and Tejas Kaur Shergill ,IX-P, were shortlisted for the annual calendar printed by the host institute .
25	9th National Level Painting Competition (Japan on Canvas)	Online Mode	Extraordinary Performance- Ojaswi Jain (VIIIE) and Geetanshi Singla (VIE) Outstanding:Performance - Tejas Kaur Shergill (IX-P) Winner- Jasnoor Kaur Sarin
26	Whiz ROBO Robotics Competition	Shri Ram Global School, Ludhiana	YPS, Patiala, received the Trophy of Appreciation

A WAY WITH WORDS-

THE 30TH COL FRANK VON GOLDSTEIN ENGLISH DEBATE

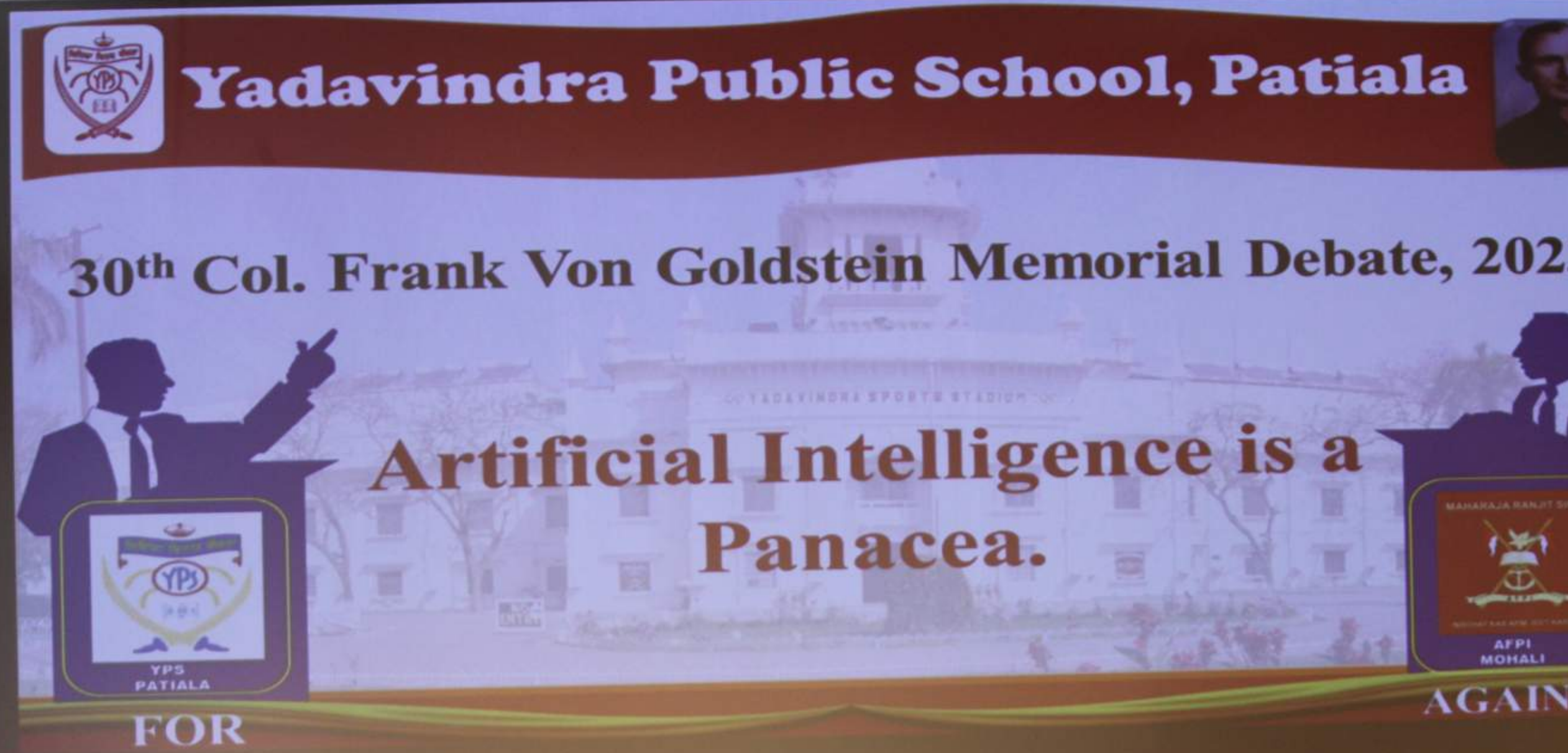
The 30th edition of the Col Frank Von Goldstein Memorial Inter-School English Debate was held after a hiatus of four years on 24th and 25th of August, 2023. A battle of wits, opinions, perspectives, and convictions, it boasted a line-up of intellectually stimulating motions and witnessed the participation of 16 prestigious schools from all corners of the nation.

After the highly intriguing quarter and semi-final rounds, YPS, Patiala, and YPS, Mohali, made it to the finals. The final round was preceded by the Hardliner's debate in which RKK Jodhpur scored over Mayo College (Boys). The motion was 'The New Education Policy is a Political Gimmick'.

The motion for the final debate was - 'World Peace is a Delusion'.

The riveting arguments put forth by YPS, Mohali, against the motion helped them seize the coveted title of the winners of the 30th Col Frank Von Goldstein Memorial Debate.

The event culminated in an inspiring speech by Air Marshal Kulwant Singh Gill, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VM (G), the Chief Guest for the evening.





Filled to the brim with intelligent conversations and intellectually stimulating discourse, Goldstein 2023 was an affair to remember.

The final positions were-

- I- Yadavindra Public School, Mohali
- II- Yadavindra Public School, Patiala
- III- RKK, Jodhpur



ROUND SQUARE REPORT

During the session, students attended a total of 20 Round Square Conferences.

The details of the online Round Square Conferences:-

1. Cate School, USA -Theme -Immigration in a Global Context
2. British Overseas School, Pakistan -Theme -Ways to Speak your Truth
3. Ashbury College Canada-Theme -What are the dangers of Social Media among Teens
4. Woodridge College and Preparatory School, South Africa -Theme -Outdoor pursuits, Adventure Challenge and me
5. Kinross Wolaroi School, Australia -Theme -Building Community Connections
6. The British School, New Delhi -Theme -Bread for every Breath
7. Redland School, Australia -Theme -World Ocean Day
8. Michael Ham Memorial College, Argentina -Theme -What is the meaning of Beauty?
9. UWCSEA Singapore -Theme -Invisible worlds
10. St Stithians Girls' College, South Arica -Theme -Various types of democracies
11. San Silvestre School -Meraflores, Lime, Peru -theme -Importance and Role of Indigenous communities in Today's Society
12. St. Stithians Girls' College, South Africa -Theme -Understanding the SDGs
13. The Affiliated High School of Peking University, China -Theme: How Internet Celebrities Affect Teenagers lives
14. Craighouse School, Chile -Theme -every Change Counts -Building a Sustainable Environment Together
15. Trivandrum International School, Kerala -Theme: Patching Up Our Home
16. Ashbury College, Canada -Theme- What are your Ideals?
17. GEMS International School, Sharjah, UAE



The details of the offline Round Square Conferences:-

1. The Lawrence School, Sanawar -Theme; Internationalism
2. The Whanganui Collegiate School, New Zealand Theme -Service and Leadership
3. The Emerald Heights School, Indore -Theme - Environmentalism



MUN REPORT

A total number of 16 MUN Conferences were attended during the year.

The details are -

MUN Conferences hosted by Indian Schools - 15

MUN Conferences hosted by International Schools - 1

Total number of student (VIII-XII) participants – Over 125



Achievements -

1. Krishiv Garg, XP - Verbal Mention - Seventh Edition UIETMUN, UIET Punjab, High Commendation - Mayo College Girls' School, Ajmer, and Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur, Best Delegate - Hansraj Public School, Panchkula (Individual Entries).
2. Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia, XI Arts - Best Delegate - Heritage Girls' School, Udaipur, and The Lawrence School, Sanawar, Special Mention - The Doon School, Dehradun and Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur
3. Divroop Kaur Sandhu, XI Science - Special Mention - Seventh Edition UIETMUN, UIET Punjab
4. Krisha Sharma, XII Arts - Best Caricaturist - Heritage Girls' School, Udaipur
5. Gurmehar Kaur, XII Arts - High Commendation - Heritage Girls' School, Udaipur
6. Manhar Aggarwal, XII Commerce - Special Mention - Heritage Girls' School, Udaipur
7. Akshara Mittal, IX E - Verbal Mention - Heritage Girls' School, Udaipur



8. Anusha Gupta, XN - Best Verbal Mention - The Lawrence School, Sanawar
9. Shree Vardhan Dev Thapliyal, IX O - Best Verbal Mention - The Lawrence School, Sanawar
10. Rehaan Gupta, IX E - Verbal Mention - Welham Boys' School, Dehradun
11. Kritik Jain, XE - Special Mention - Hansraj Public School, Panchkula (Individual Entries)
12. Gursagar Singh, X P - Special Mention - Hansraj Public School, Panchkula (Individual Entries)
13. Uday Batra, XII Arts - High Commendation - Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur
14. Karanveer Singh, IX O - Best Orator - Emerald Heights, Indore
15. Sparsh Dhawan, VIII P - Verbal Mention - Genesis Global School, Noida
16. Kashvi Sofat, VIII P - Verbal Mention - Genesis Global School, Noida
17. Prajanya Kapoor, IX O - Verbal Mention - Genesis Global School, Noida
18. Daksh Taneja, XI Commerce - Honourable mention - OP Jindal Global University, Hisar

Other achievements -

1. YPS team winning the runners - up Trophy for the Best Delegation, Genesis Global School, Noida
2. YPS Theatrics team were declared the First Runners - up at MU-20 Summit, Daly College, Indore



AFS (AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE) REPORT



1. Mr. Bharat Bhushan Duggal, senior teacher of Physics, completed Global STEM Educators Certificate.
2. Three students - Samaira Singh, XII Arts, Simran Kaur IX O and Hardini, XN - completed the Global Competence Certificate for Teens
3. 30 students from the school participated in the Global Youth Service Day celebrations.
4. 'Joy of Sharing 'was a philanthropic activity held by RKK School, Jodhpur, in which 25 YPS students participated.



5. 13 students participated in the MU - 20 Summit held at Emerald Heights, Indore. YPS team secured the 1st runners up position, besides winning Special Mention in the Cultural Walk round.
6. 6 students participated in the Robotic competition held at Maa Anandmayee Memorial School, New Delhi
7. YPS Director, Maj Gen B. S. Grewal, AFS co-ordinator, Mrs. Harsimranjit Kaur Dhindsa and 2 students attended the AFS Regional Meet held at Pinegrove School, Subathu
8. AFS National Meet held at Emerald Heights International School, Indore, was attended by YPS Bursar, Mr. R.D Sharma, AFS co-ordinator, Mrs. Harsimranjit Kaur Dhindsa and 2 school students



EFFORTS TOWARDS THE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

As part of the first leg of the plantation drive, 4 teachers and 15 students ceremoniously planted saplings.

The school organised a March on the occasion of the World Environment Day. Over 50 students and 5 staff members marched brandishing handcrafted placards bearing eco-conscious messages.

A drive was held on July 8, 2023, culminating in the planting of 1094 plants across the school's campus and students contributed additional herbal and medicinal plants along the periphery of the existing Herb Garden.

Other activities were students setting up a small garden near the Cricket Pavilion and carrying out a cleanliness drive inside the campus.

The newly established Nature and Environment Club is also working towards environment conservation and instilling a sense of duty and responsibility in young Yadavindrians for their surroundings.



IAYP, SUPW & NSS REPORTS

IAYP

In the session 2023-24, a total of 85 Yadavindrians got enrolled for the IAYP -51 students for the bronze level and 34 for the silver level.

(Community Service Projects)

In addition to enhancing the skills and benefitting the physical health of the students, this programme emphasises on developing social and emotional capabilities in young minds.



EDUCATIONAL AID AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Charity is a commonly quoted, but rarely practised virtue. In order to shape men and women of calibre, inculcation of social values is essential.

As a part of community service projects, 5 students from school participated in Swami Vivekanand's Commemorative event.

A number of other initiatives were taken up such as rainwater harvesting, developing new technological advancements to save the environment and waste management exercises such as making 'jholas' and rugs. On the Anti-Terrorism Day, senior students shared their insights on the topic with tiny tots.

During the summer vacation, 5 students visited Masti Ki Pathshala (A Charity School).

FOSTERING AND ORGANISING CAMPAIGNS TO PROVIDE SOCIAL HELP

The school's young welfare activists have been engaged in social service drives under the guidance of teachers. On the Foundation Day, 40 students of senior classes conducted a fete duty to aid the residents of the Deaf and Dumb School.

During the first and the second term, more than 120 students from classes VI to IX donated various day-to-day items including clothes, books, etc. in Polo Ground, Patiala. 30 students visited an old age home in the Sular village to donate provisions and spend time with the elderly.



NCC IN SCHOOL



NCC is an activity that proffers confidence, determination, unity and a spirit of self-reliance in individuals.

YPS imparts NCC training under the following three wings-

- 4 PB Girls BN NCC, Patiala
- 5 PB BN NCC, Patiala
- 3 PBAIR SQN NCC, Patiala





This session the following activities were conducted as a part of the NCC curriculum-

- Cadets from all three wings cleared the 'A' Certificate examination
- Permanent Instructors from recruited Army and Air Force personnel gave training on map reading, airmanship, weapon training.to cadets for 'A' Certificate Examination
- Camps at Chandigarh University, NCC Academy and Chitkara University were attended by NCC cadets
- 16 cadets from 4 PB (G) BN and 19 from 3 PB AIR SQN took part in firing at Baffle Range.
- 16 cadets took part in a two day unit level camp , participating in Firing, drill and flying exercises .
- Apart from theory and drill classes, cadets took part in cleanliness drives, donation drives and cycling drill.
- 3 PB AIR SQN cadets also visited the Air Force Station, Chandigarh, and 8 cadets visited Aviation Club, Patiala ,for witnessing and learning the preliminaries of flying.
- Environmental Day, International Yoga Day and Anti-Tobacco Day were celebrated by slogan writing, oath taking, tree plantation , performing yoga and meditation by all three wings.
- Cadets from 1st and 2nd year also visited the Military Literature Festival ,2023, held at Chandigarh.
- Republic Day Camp is one of the most prestigious camps a cadet can attend . Four students -Bhavya Goyal, XP, Simran Sidhu, IXO, Gursifat K. Sekhon, IX N and Paavni Kapoor, IX O, were selected for the group level of this camp. Gursifat got selected further for the Directorate level.
- Two cadets, Simran Sidhu , IX O, and Sugandhim Singh, IX P , attended the Pre-TSC camp.

THE 75th SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, celebrated its 75th Sports Day on November 12. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Lt Gen (Dr.) J S Cheema, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.), Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Sports University, Patiala.

The programme began with an impressive March Past by the three Houses of the School, with the School Band playing sprightly martial tunes in wake. Thereafter, the Chief Guest declared the Meet open. This was followed by the track and field events, aerobics, Yoga, Zumba and PT. exercises performed by over 1300 students of the school.

8 old students of the Golden Jubilee batch of 1973 visited the school on the occasion for the alumni reunion.

The Chief Guest in his short, but inspiring, speech congratulated the winners and appreciated the efforts of the School in putting up a magnificent show.

The programme rounded off with the Vote of Thanks proposed by the Sports Captain.



THE 75th
SCHOOL
SPORTS
DAY





CASH AWARDS FOR WINNING & PRIZES FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

MEDALS IN THE NATIONALS



1. Shikhar Ralhan- Badminton, international participation-recognition
2. Gurtaj S. Harika: Skeet Shooting, Gold Medal (Team, Jr. Men) in the India Open Shotgun Competition - Rs. 10,000/-
3. Harnimrat Singh: Grappling, Silver Medal (Individual) in the National Grappling Championship- Rs. 15,000/-
4. Ameesh Kapila: Trap Shooting, Gold Medal (Team, Jr. Men) in the India Open Shotgun Competition- Rs. 10,000/-
5. Avreen Kaur Bains: Fencing, Silver Medal (Individual) in the All India SAI Fencing Tournament- Rs. 15,000/-
6. Arshbir Hans-Yoga, bronze medal (individual U-14), Asian Yoga Asana Sports Championship-recognition



AWARDS & TROPHIES:

1. Best Swimmer of the Year: Sumer Singh
2. Cash award of Rs. 5000/- each for excellence in Shooting, sponsored by late Mr. Lal Singh (Former Chemistry teacher, YPS, Patiala):
 - (i) Mridvika Bhardwaj
 - (ii) Pritpal Singh Aulakh
3. Dhruv Pandove Cricket Trophy for the Best Batsman: Chirag Marwaha
4. Nalagarh Cricket Trophy for the Best All Rounder Cricketer: Gurman S. Boparai
5. S. Harpal Singh Trophy for Maximum Participation in School Games: Hiten Bansal
6. 1 Armd. Div. Trophy for the Best All Round Sportsman: Yashvir Singh Chatrath
7. The Rani of Nalagarh Challenge Cup for the Best Rider of the Year: Bilaval S. Shergill
8. Inter House Cross Country Trophy: DRH
9. Inter House Games and Sports Trophy: DRH

Beginning with a new practice, YPS students and coaches were felicitated by the school for their outstanding achievement and commendable effort in different games at the State/IPSC/equivalent tournament.

An approximate amount of rupees 400000 was awarded to over 150 students and rupees 100000 to 16 coaches of the school.





THE 'GOLDEN' MOMENT

ALUMNI REUNION OF GOLDEN JUBILEE BATCH (1973)

It was with a sense of Deja Vu and a feeling of nostalgia that 8 veteran OYs of the Golden Jubilee batch of 1973 visited YPS for the alumni reunion hosted every year by the school.

The senior members of the YPS fraternity spent some memorable moments in their alma mater, visiting their old classes, reminiscing their school days and sharing their experiences with the staff and students. The old students marched as a special contingent for the March Past and ran the old students' race at the Sports Day function.

The alumni also presented the school with swings that have been installed in the Junior School play area.





A special moment for the esteemed OYs as they pose before the newly – installed statue of our Founder, His Highness Yadavindra Singh

...In Conversation -

With Mr. Rajan Mittal, an OY of the Golden Jubilee batch of 1973. The interview was conducted on the occasion of the Sports Day as some members of the batch 1973 visited YPS to attend the annual Old Students' re-union.

- Q. Good evening sir. How did you find the function today?
- A. The function was very nice and well organised. We are enjoying each and every moment and it is extremely nostalgic and refreshing for us to be back here.
- Q. Thank you sir. After how many years are you visiting the school?
- A. I've been coming regularly for the past 40 years for the Founder's Day, which is on the 2nd of February.
- Q. Were you a day scholar or a boarder?
- A. I was a boarder. And it was a pretty exciting life back then!
- Q. I see you are wearing an MH t-shirt. Were you from Mohindra House?
- A. Yes, I belonged to Mohindra House. And I am happy to share that the house spirit still lives!
- Q. Incidentally, I'm the current Mohindra House Captain, sir...
- A. Well, it is such a pleasure to hear that. That makes this interaction even more exciting and special for me!
- Q. How was the school back then and what changes have you found in the school that have surprised you the most?
- A. Well, the infrastructure has really grown. We find such a big auditorium has come up, the roads are now metalled. The new Boarding House building is exquisitely made - it's good to see the mess, the dining hall and the kind of services it provides. I mean the school has evolved with time.
- Q. How was it catching up with your batch mates after so many years?
- A. I must say it has been a very nostalgic and emotional feeling. It was really great, coming back in time, you can say.
- Q. What was the worst trouble or mischief you or a friend of yours got into during your school time.
- A. Mischiefs- well you know of course students sometimes are naughty so...not really much like bunk the school or anything like that, but little and harmless mischiefs here and there were played....
- Q. Any particular teachers, staff members or students you miss that are not here today?
- A. Yes many of our batch mates have not been able to make it today because some of them are abroad. And some of them, unfortunately, have left for Heaven now!
- Q. Did you ever get to meet, our Founder, Maharaja Yadavindra Singh?
- A. Yes, yes, when we were in school, Maharaja Yadavindra Singh used to visit the school. He presided over many functions and I remember having received the School Orchestra prize from the Founder.

He was a great personality and we used to look up to him!
- Q. Sir, I have heard from my mother and my friends that boarders used to have a movie night on Saturday and Sunday. And the plays also were held in the Houses. Can you tell a story on that?
- A. Yes, every Saturday we used to have a movie in the Headmaster's House common room. The movie was shown through a projector. The quality was not very good, but it was all fun you know.

For dramatics, of course, we used to have inter house dramatics. Incidentally, I was very active in theatre!
- Q. Sir, my last question. Some words of advice for the present Yadavindrians...
- A. Well, I would say focus is very, very important. Focus is something which will help you in life.

I am a very successful businessman today but learning the intricacies of relationships with each other, and learning to be controlled and to control. Accepting someone to be your leader, and being a leader yourself, you can only learn here in the school. Accepting defeat and attempting again, striving to win again. These are things you only learn in a competitive environment, and the kind of environment YPS provides is wonderful!
- Q. Finally, sir, can we have your contact number?
- A. Yeah, sure. Alright my number is... (not to be revealed here ...!)

(Interview conducted by Adishree Sood and Gurkripa Singh, XII)

SPORTS-NATIONAL AND INTER-NATIONAL LEVEL PARTICIPANTS (2023-24)

Names of students who participated on the national/international level during the 2023-24 session.



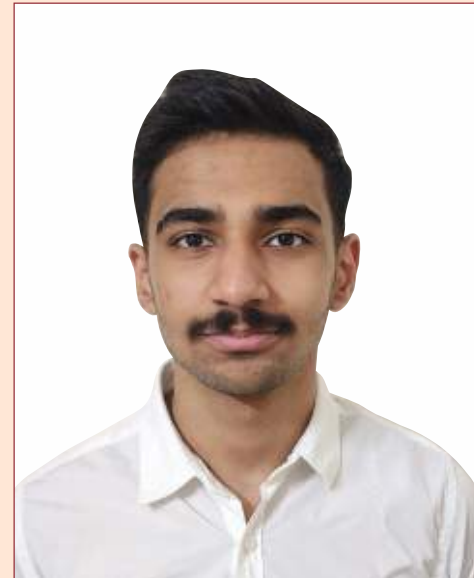
Dewan Saniaz, XII Science- SGFI National Boxing (Bronze medal), Maharashtra



Labib Mushtaq Wani, XI Arts- Boxing (U-17), Junior Nationals, Arunachal Pradesh



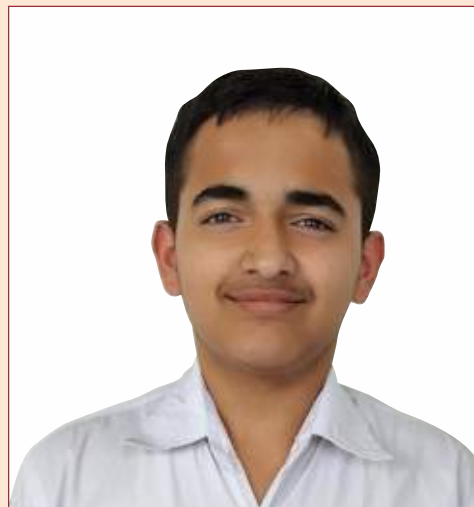
Kanwar Ratnakar, XO- Participation in SGFI National Boxing



Shikhar Ralhan, XII Arts- Badminton (U-19), Bengaluru. He also participated in the World School Games and has been selected for the Indian School Badminton Team.



Hiren Jain, XI Commerce- Participation in National Squash (U-19), Pune



Aditya Thakur VIII P- Participation in National Squash (U-14), Pune



Gurmehar Biding, XI Science- Participation in National Archery (U-19), Gujarat



Pahuldeep Singh, VIII P- Participation in National Archery (U-14), Gujarat



Parwaaz Singh, XI Science- Participation in National Swimming (U-17), New Delhi



Gurtaj Harika, XI Arts- Participation in Open Nationals in Shooting. He has entered the top 15 shooters in the Nationals and selected for the India Team.



Amira Pratap Singh, VIIO- Participation in 66th National (Open) Shooting (10m Air Pistol) Competition, Bhopal. She has been selected for the Team Indian Trials.



Guntaas Kaur, VII N- Participation in National (Open) Shooting (10m Air Rifle) Tournament, New Delhi



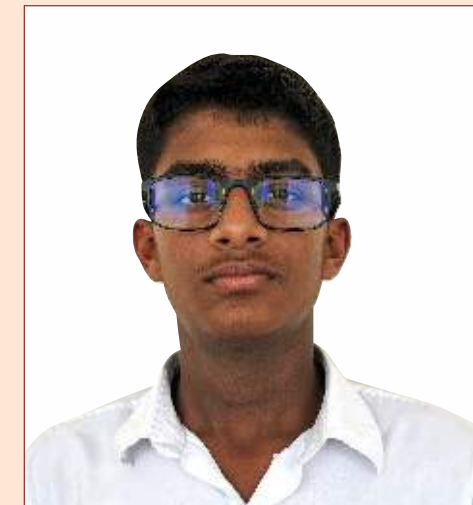
Yuvaandeep Singh, IX E- Participation in National Swimming (U17), New Delhi, and in National Fin Swimming (U-17), Pune



Agamteshwar Singh, IX E- Participation in National Swimming (U-17), Bhubneshwar



Bhavya Sood, X P- Participation in SGFI National Cricket (U-17)



Rehaan Gupta, IX E- Participation in SGFI National Cricket (U-17)



Varun Khatri, IX E- Participation in SGFI National Cricket (U-17)

IPSC HOCKEY GIRLS (U-19)



Row I - Anvi Gupta, Enayat Kaur Gill, Mrs. Sunita Kumari (Hockey In Charge), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Ms. Reenu (Hockey Coach), Arshpreet Kaur, Sifet

Row II - Navya, Rupinder Kaur, Prabhsakhi, Navya Kaushal, Yesica, Eshrat Kaur, Pahuldeep Kaur, Gurasees, Sugandhim, Arshpreet Kaur

IPSC ARCHERY



Row I - Pahuljeep Singh, Prisha Mahindru, Mr. Harpreet Singh (Archery Coach), Mr. Veglor M Walter, Mrs. Kamini Goyal (Archery In Charge), Inayaitveer, Divrose Kaur

IPSC SWIMMING (BOYS)



Row I - Sumer Singh, Mr. Rakesh Saluja (Swimming Coach), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Rahul Marya (Swimming In Charge), Dhananjay Gupta.

Row II - Shreevardhan Dev Thapliyal, Parth Dhiman, Yuvandeep Singh, Uday Singh, Parwaaz Singh, Agamteshwar Singh

IPSC SWIMMING (GIRLS)



Row I - Rabbani Saharan, Mr. Rakesh Saluja (Swimming Coach), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Rahul Marya (Swimming In Charge), Adishree Rai Sood

Row II - Khushi Jindal, Sifat Sidhu, Ustat Kaur, Kyna Gupta, Harshita Thaman, Aahana Goyal, Sargun Panag

IPSC YOGA



Row I - Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Arjun Tiwari (Yoga In Charge)

Row II - Saisha Goel, Kushal Jain, Tarvar Pratap Singh, Ekam K Shergill, Ashbir K Hans, Navdisha Sukheja, Tanveer Singh, Divtaaj Aulakh

SPORTS ACHIEVERS (JUNIOR SCHOOL)



Row I - Sanshray Singla, Kyra Channi, Ayra Bansal, Mr. Arjun Tiwari (Yoga Incharge), Mr. Veglor M. Walter (Sports In Charge), Ms. Sangita Kumari (Yoga In Charge), Ganieve Bains, Kanvi Goyal, Adrija Gupta

Row II - Kunsh Kataria, Anraj Singh Natt, Madhav Singla, Amaira Kaushal, Vedangi Bansal, Sarah Jain, Angad Singh Bhinder, Samrat, Kabir Johri, Tejasveer Singh

Row III - Amyra Sood, Ranganpreet Kaur, Ravya, Kevleen Harika, Mehtabbir Hans, Bhan Singh, Arpan Chakkal, Manraj Singh Randhawa, Bhav Choudhary

IPSC SQUASH (BOYS)



Row I - Daksh Taneja, Hiren Jain, Mr. Chandan Baitha (Squash In Charge), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Dhananjay Gupta, Vardhan Bansal

Row II - Veer Zorawar Singh Virk, Aditya Thakur, Gurfarzand, Samarth S Sandhu, Adab Partap, Krishiv Bansal, Pranay Bansal, Shreevardhan Dev Thapliyal

IPSC SQUASH (GIRLS)



Row I - Dishita Singla, Vanshika Bali, Mr. Chandan Baitha (Squash In Charge), Mr. Veglor M. Walter (Sports In Charge), Jasnoor Sarin, Dhriti Jain

IPSC CRICKET (U-14)



Row I - Dhruv Jindal, Dron Shokeen, Mr. B B Duggal (Cricket In Charge), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Amit Kumar (Cricket Coach), Jujhar Singh Billing, Amrit Singh Kang

Row II - Vineet Sharma, Tanveer Singh Banga, Saksham Pahwa, Kian Bansal, Aryaman Garg, Rian Arora, Guransh Singh, Rudransh Bansal, Viraj Teja, Ransher Singh Dhanesar, Gursamarth Singh

IPSC CRICKET (U-17)



Row I - Sumer S Sidhu, Mohin Dhiman, Mr. B B Duggal (Cricket In Charge), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Amit Kumar (Cricket Coach), Rudra Pratap Singh, Lakhbir Singh Chahal.

Row II - Abhimanyu Sharma, Rehaan Gupta, Aryan Rai, Arindam Sharma, Yuvaan Mangla, Varun Khatri, Taranveer Randhawa, Robinpreet S Sarao, Manteg S Chahal

IPSC CRICKET (U-19)



Row I - Sumer S Sidhu, Mohin Dhiman, Mr. B B Duggal (Cricket Incharge), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports in Charge), Mr. Amit Kumar (Cricket Coach), Gurman Singh Boparai, Jashanjot Singh Sachdeva.

Row II - Abhimanyu Sharma, Taranveer Randhawa, Arindam Sharma, Aryan Rai, Yuvaan Roy Mangla, Varun Khatri, Rudra Pratap Singh, Robinpreet S Sarao

IPSC ATHLETICS



Row I - Shourya Goyal, Dilshaan Singh, Mr. Kuldeep Singh (Athletic Coach), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Prabhsaakhi Kaur, Dhirinder Singh, Dhananjay Gupta

EQUESTRIAN TEAM



Row I - Arpan, Komya, Rubaiyt, Aarav, Agam, Samrath, Fatehsher, Rubaina, Mr. Mukhtiar Singh (Equestrian Coach), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Sanjay Taneja (Equestrian In Charge), Ria Puri, Udam, Safira, Sabrina, Jashmehar, Gurnoor, Shamsheer

Row II (Mounted) - Jashan, Gurveer, Caroline, Akshpreet, Brihaan

IPSC BOXING BOYS



Row I - Dewaan Saniaz, Labib Wani, Mr. Jaswant Singh (Boxing In Charge), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Gopal (Boxing Coach), Anubhav Verma, Fatehbir Singh

Row II - Bhavnoor Singh, Ekamraj Singh, Prabhjot Singh, Gurdev Singh, Amroj Singh, Mantaj Singh, Vivan Singh, Gurdas Singh, Nishan Singh, Jashan Goyal

IPSC BADMINTON



Row I - Vedant Singh, Mr. Sikander Singh (Badminton In Charge), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Jashandeep Singh (Badminton Coach), Shikhar Rallan

Row II - Nehchalbir Singh Dhillon, Viresh Jindal, Kanwarpartap Singh, Prabnek Singh, Aarav Bansal

IPSC TENNIS (U-19) BOYS



Row I - Uday Batra, Mr. Gagandeep Singh (Tennis Coach), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mrs. Kanwaldeep Kaur (Tennis In Charge), Chitvanjot Singh

Row II - Avraj Singh Manchanda, Sarbeshwar Singh Channi, Mannandeep Singh, Bhavik Tandon, Aayan Modi, Abir Agarwal, Jayveer Singh Walia

IPSC TENNIS (U-12) BOYS



Row I - Mr. Surkirat Singh (Tennis Coach), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mrs. Kanwaldeep Kaur (Tennis In Charge)

Row II - Abheyraj Singh, Artham Goyal, Ekamveer Singh, Hridayveer Singh

IPSC TENNIS (GIRLS)



Row I - Japman Sarin, Mr. Surkirat Singh (Tennis In Charge), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mrs. Kanwaldeep Kaur (Tennis In Charge), Eanaayat Bhutani

Row II - Savreen Dhot, Akansha Singh, Anahad Kaur

SOCCER BOYS (U-14)



Row I - Udhav, Riyain Arora, Mr. Mohit Arora (Soccer In Charge), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Ajay Kumar (Soccer coach), Chirayu Mittal, Maanav Singla

Row II - Sangram Singh, Shabadbir Singh Dhindsa, Gurbir Singh Sooch, Anirudh Singh Sambyal, Gurdhyan Singh Hayer, Harkunwar Singh Kahira, Ayaanvir Singh Kaleka, Rantej Singh Grewal, Jeewan Singh Kalsi, Yuvraj Singh Gill, Fatehjit Singh Grewal, Harniazbir Singh

SHOOTING



Row I - Arjun Gurm, Mr. Ramandeep Singh Malik (Shooting Coach), Mr. Veglor M Walter (Sports In Charge), Mrs. Karanpreet Kaur (Shooting In Charge), Shiv Karan

Row II - Kapish Phutela, Aaditya Pratap Moudgil, Armaan Singh Sidhu, Manan Sharma, Pritpal Aulakh, Jugraj Singh Dhillon

SPORTS ACHIEVERS



Row I - Harasees Kaur, Mehnoor, Ibadat Kaur, Ms. Riya Sharma (Coach), Mr. Jatin (Coach), Mr. Veglor M. Walter (Sports In Charge), Mr. Mandeep Singh (Coach), Ms. Rishika (Coach), Srija Jain, Ishleen Kaur, Raghav

Row II - Khyati Garg, Nlisa Jain, Jannat, Renee, Anusha Gupta, Lavanya, Avreen Bains, Aisha Gupta, Guntaj Kaur, Amaira, Gunraj Kaur, Sabiha, Sifat Chinna

(SENIOR SCHOOL)



Row III - Abhay Gupta, Rehmat Bedi, Naman Rahar, Devank Bhalla, Sehbag Channi, Vansh Singla, Ineshwar Brar, Aryan Khanna, Ayaan Gupta, Tejasveer Singh, Rudransh Kapoor

Row IV - Ameesh Kapila, Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia, Yuvraj, Gurtaj Harika, Jainoor Ahuja, Piyush Garg, Yuvraj Singh, Hridyaansh Kapil



**WAY TO GO...
CROSS COUNTRY RACES**





OUT OF THIS WORLD

SCHOOL ASTRONOMY CLUB

The School Astronomy Club is functioning well with a number of sessions conducted wherein students watched planetary bodies and other cosmic events through telescope installed in the school. Information on these cosmic events was also shared with the participating students by the school staff.

Students also attended other events which included quiz, workshop and the International Astronomy Day celebrations held at Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala.




**IPSC
SQUASH
TOURNAMENT
@YPS, PATIALA**

YPS, Patiala, hosted the IPSC Squash tournament from June 1-5.

A total of 12 teams from different schools of the country participated in the tournament held in the U-12, U-14, U-17 and U-19 age categories.

The YPS, Patiala, teams secured the 2nd position in the U-14 and U-19 categories and the 4th

position in the U-12 and U-17 groups.

Gurfarzand Singh and Dhananjay Gupta were declared the runners-up in the U-12 and U-19 categories, respectively, and Hiren Jain was declared the second runner-up in the U-19 category.



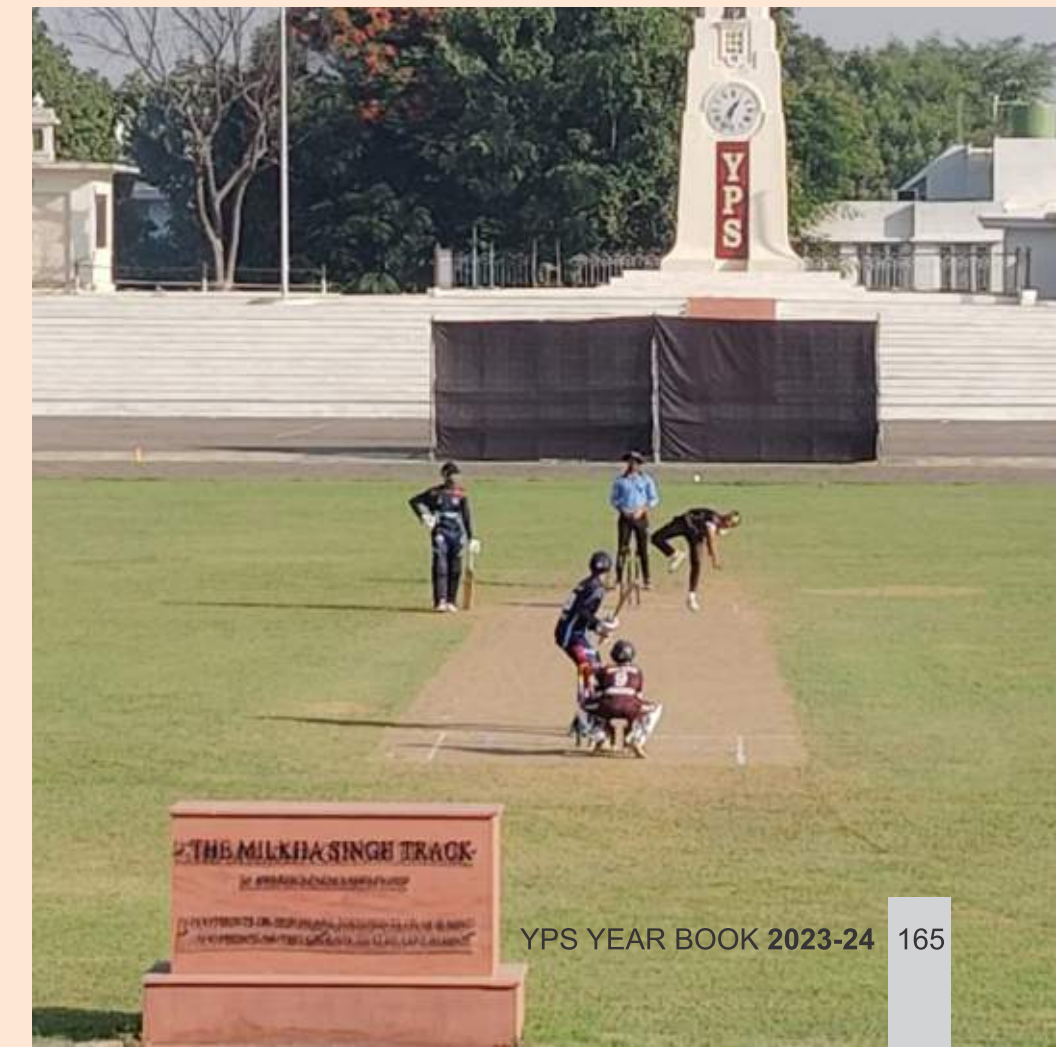


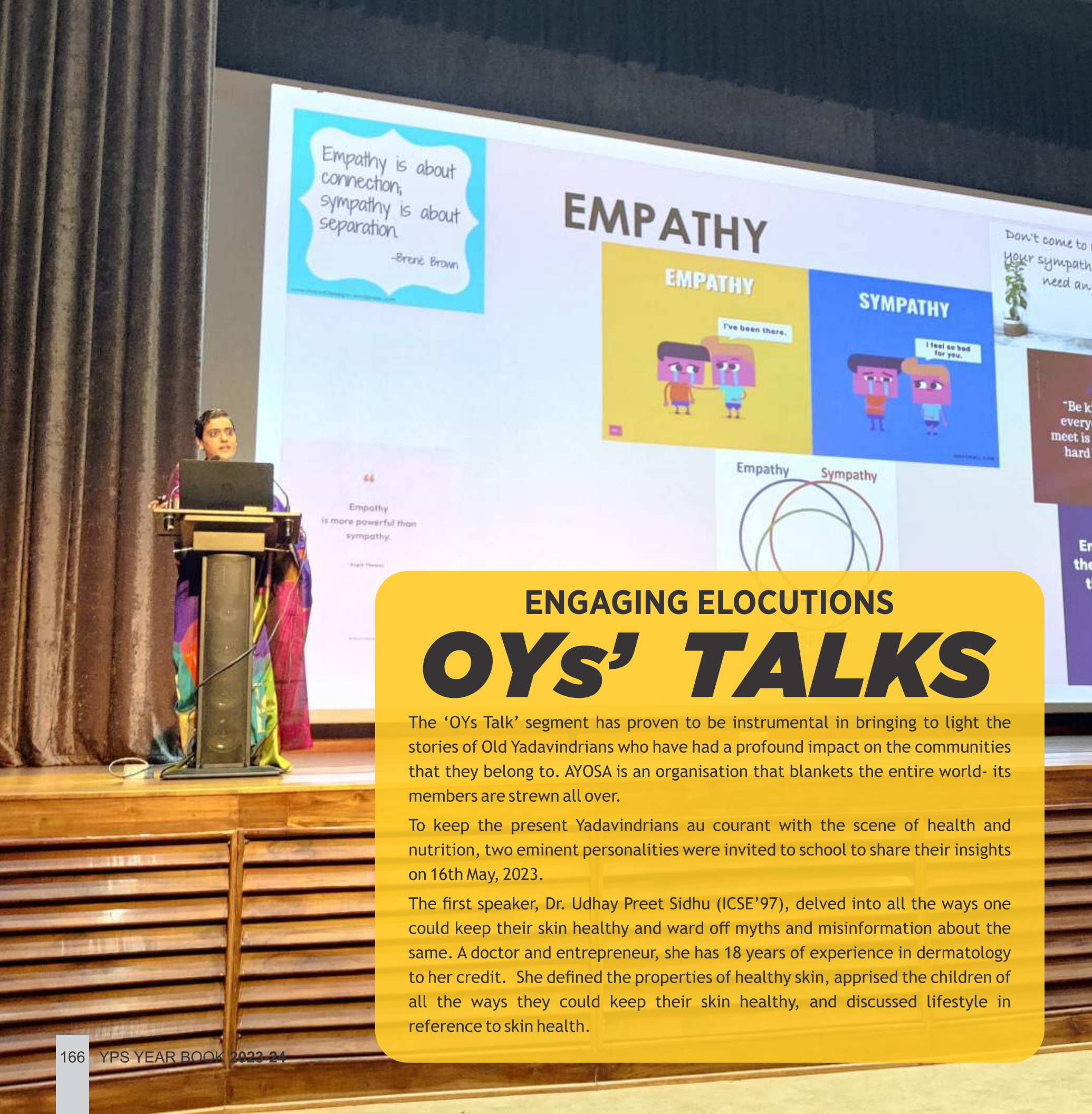
IPSC CRICKET (U-17) TOURNAMENT AT YPS, PATIALA

YPS, Patiala, hosted the IPSC Cricket (U-17) tournament from October 1-5. A total of 20 schools participated. The matches were played in the true sportsman spirit and with zest and enthusiasm. The final results were-

- I- Modern School, New Delhi
- II- DPS, Mathura Road, New Delhi
- III- YPS, Patiala

Rehaan Gupta from YPS, Patiala, was chosen as the Best Bowler of the tournament. Four students - Mohin Dhiman, Rehaan Gupta, Bhavya Sood and Varun Khatri - from YPS, Patiala, were selected to play for the SGFI Nationals.





ENGAGING ELOCUTIONS

OYs' TALKS

The 'OYs Talk' segment has proven to be instrumental in bringing to light the stories of Old Yadavindrians who have had a profound impact on the communities that they belong to. AYOSA is an organisation that blankets the entire world- its members are strewn all over.

To keep the present Yadavindrians au courant with the scene of health and nutrition, two eminent personalities were invited to school to share their insights on 16th May, 2023.

The first speaker, Dr. Udhay Preet Sidhu (ICSE'97), delved into all the ways one could keep their skin healthy and ward off myths and misinformation about the same. A doctor and entrepreneur, she has 18 years of experience in dermatology to her credit. She defined the properties of healthy skin, apprised the children of all the ways they could keep their skin healthy, and discussed lifestyle in reference to skin health.



In the second half of the programme, the focus shifted from hygiene to nutrition. Mr. Vikramjeet Singh Mann, an entrepreneur, and a renowned sports nutritionist, shed light on the importance of physical exercise and eating right. It was indeed a pleasure to hear from a man holding the title of the 'Best Sports Nutritionist of Punjab', bestowed upon him by the Punjab Health Minister, Mr. Chetan Singh Jauramajra.

Apart from this, 8 veteran OYs of the Golden Jubilee Batch of 1973 visited their alma mater on the occasion of the Sports Day in November. They delivered talks, interacted with the present Yadavindrians and shared experiences of their school days.



...In Conversation -

WITH SEERAT SIDHU, First Girl From YPS, Patiala, to be selected to the Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute for Girls, Mohali.

Q. It must have been an exhilarating experience to have been selected to the Mai Bhago Institute. Can you sum up your feelings at this achievement?

A. Of course, it was exhilarating! It is not possible to sum up my feelings in words, but the only thing I can say is that it has been a proud moment for me, my family, friends and my school. It was indeed, not easy to get through and be among the ten girls selected from the whole state of Punjab. To think that I have been the first girl from my school to have achieved this feat is like the 'Icing on the Cake'.

I am, no doubt, fortunate and promise to make the best of this opportunity, become a proud Army officer and serve my Motherland.

Q. What prompted you to think of pursuing a career in the defence forces? Was it a childhood dream or a desire you became aware of over the years?

A. As a young teen, I wanted to pursue a career in Civil Services and become an IAS officer. But what spurred my ambition was when I saw my seniors marching as part of the NCC contingent and take part in other NCC activities in the school.

I eventually joined NCC and during an NCC camp I was attending, I was impressed with the atmosphere and the schedule followed there. My resolve became stronger as I was adjudged the Best Cadet and represented my 5PB BN NCC at the Best Cadet Competition.

Q. How did you prepare for the entrance exam? Was it tough making it through considering that candidates were going to appear from the whole state of Punjab?

A. I was taking my class XI first term exams a couple days before the entrance exam, and didn't really get the time for extra preparation. I religiously went through my class IX and X notes for the exam under the able guidance of my father, Advocate Prabhjot Singh Sidhu.

Yes, it was my first competitive exam and initially, there was a feeling of fear of and a sense of apprehension, but a couple of deep breaths and a positive mindset did wonders!

Q. Did your education at YPS help you in fulfilling your dream?

A. YPS has been like a second home to me. I am grateful for the education it has provided to me, the atmosphere I grew up in, the guidance of my teachers and the love and solidarity expressed by my friends there. I would add that the extracurricular activities I took part in, especially, contributed hugely towards my success.

I am thankful to all, especially our Director, Maj Gen B S Grewal, for always encouraging and motivating me.

Q. Can you tell us something about your daily routine, schedule and lifestyle in your present institute? Is it tough? What are the challenges you normally face?

Yes, no doubt, it is grueling and demanding, but at the end of the day,

A. rewarding and satisfying.

We wake up at 0530 hrs and go for 'Muster' and have our morning PT. The school hours last from 0830 hrs till 1250hrs and then post lunch from 1420 hrs to 1730 hrs. This is followed by games and the next one hour after games is spent either studying or exercising in the gym. After dinner, we have our study period again for 2 hrs, and finally 'Lights Out' at 2230 hrs.

Q. What will be your message, Seerat, for the students who wish to follow in your footsteps and be a part of this institution?

A. Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory institute is an institute where young girls get turned into poised 'Lady Cadets'. I will always urge other girls to also make effort to join this institute which not only polishes and grooms, but teaches lessons which cannot be taught in words, but only through first-hand experiences - to be daunting, daring and dedicated towards serving your country. The experienced officials, the responsible authorities, and our supporting seniors here are like our pillars of strength.



MUSIC TO OUR EARS! SPICMACAY CONCERTS AT YPS

To nourish an appreciation for Indian music and our culture at large, the school put together a cultural evening for all to relish. Spic Macay's 'Shruti Amrut', a cultural festival engineered in collaboration with the Indian Ministry of Culture, acquainted the students with the kaleidoscope of Indian music. This two-day festival, held from the 29th of July to the 30th of July, organised under the aegis of the Azad ka Amrit Mahotsav, helped ignite a fascination for Indian culture and its myriad facets.



On the 29th of July, 2023, we savoured the company of two artists and performers of great stature- Smt. Susmita Das, an Oriya folk musician, and Dr. Alankar Singh, a Punjabi Artist, who recited excerpts from the Holy Gurbani.

On the 30th of July, 2023 we witnessed performances by the revered Ustad Shahid Parwez, renowned Sitarist, and Begum Parveen Sultana, well known Hindustani Vocal performer. The dulcet tones of Ustad Shahid Parwez's sitar and Begum Parveen Sultana's euphonious vocals filled the air and blessed our ears.

The event was one that shall forever remain etched in our memory for having nourished in us a love for our motherland and its culture.





Presents
Shruti Amrut



WONDERFUL TO-NIGHT ! THE HOUSE NIGHT SHOW



The Annual House Night was staged on the 31st of August. A spectacle to remember, the show witnessed a line-up of several electrifying performances staged by the students of DRH, MH, and PH.

The evening was set in motion with the enactment of the English plays, all of which were premised on the theme 'Humour'. DRH enacted Shakespeare's 'Taming of the Shrew' with an unparalleled brio, PH performed a modern adaptation of 'The Merchant of Venice' that satirized misinformation, while MH addressed

regional and linguistic disparities in a new light and elicited thunderous applause from the audience. The Bhangra performances followed closely. The stage went up in flames of red as the dancers gave expression to their intense passion for the folk dance of Punjab.

DRH's artistic prowess helped them secure victories in both competitions, while PH and MH followed closely in second and third place. The House Night truly proved to be worth the wait, as every performance voiced a story, and every story touched our lives.





INTER-HOUSE PANEL DISCUSSION COMPETITION

Some shots of the Inter-House Panel Discussion competition, which has become an important activity in the school.



INTER-HOUSE MUSIC & DANCE COMPETITIONS

For the first time, Inter-House Music and Dance competitions (individual performances) were held in the school.

Some shots of the two events -







GUEST LECTURES

Maj Gen Jasbir Singh Sandhu AVSM (Retd.), Director, Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute for Girls, Mohali, visited YPS, Patiala, on May 9, 2023, to address the girls of class IX and motivate them to join Defence Forces as a career. He also apprised them of the various procedures and processes through which their joining the country's defence institutes

and, subsequently, the defence forces can become more easy and convenient. A group of 40 girls from GGS Public School, Sangrur, also attended the talk.

In the same vein, two days later, on May 11, 2023,

Maj Gen Ajay H. Chauhan, VSM, Director, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, Mohali, also visited the school to address the boys of classes IX and X to apprise them of the various benefits of joining the Armed Forces.

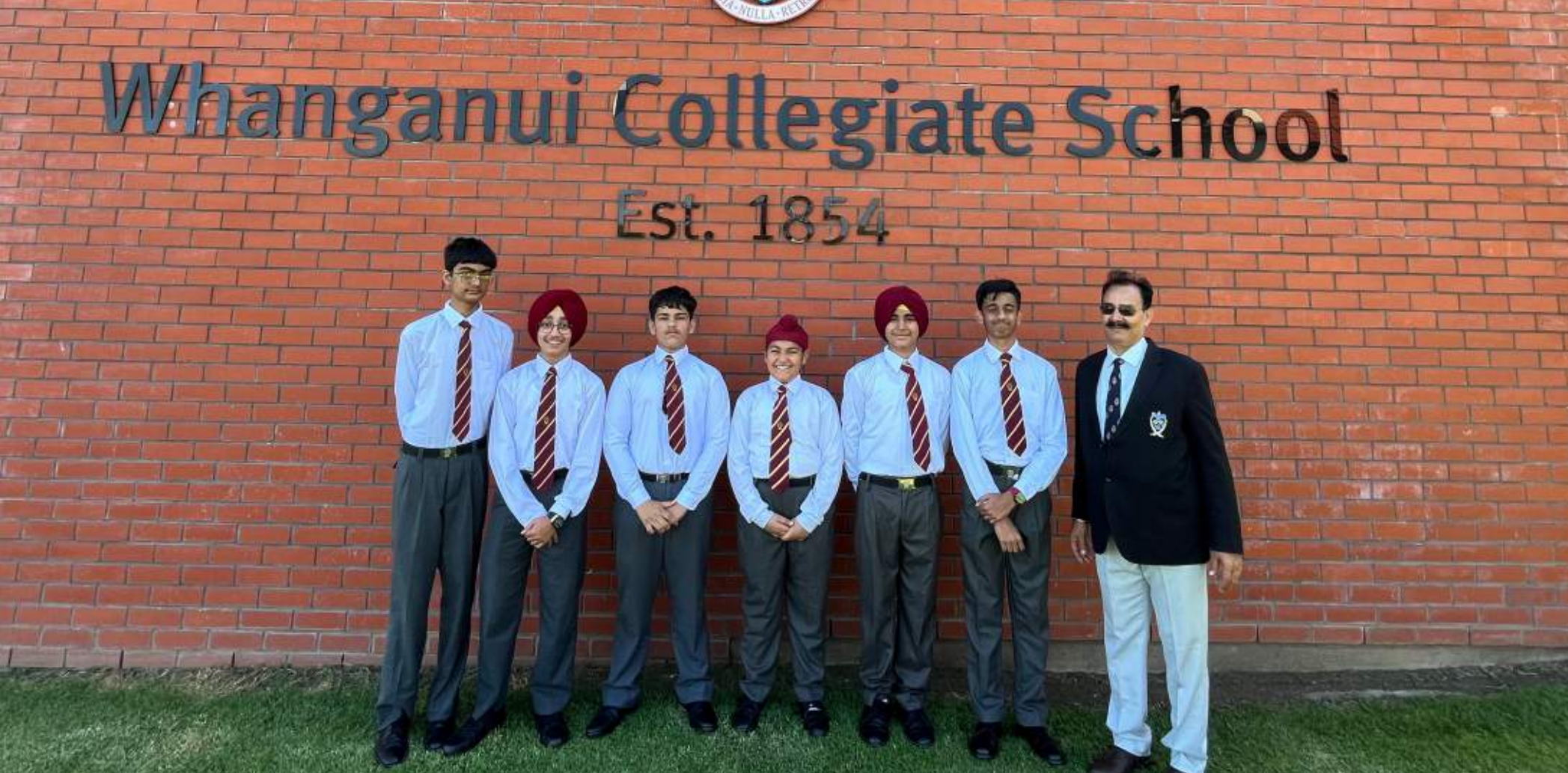


EXCURSIONS DURING THE YEAR (DOMESTIC)

1. Goa
2. Udaipur
3. Jim Corbett
Wild Life Sanctuary







EXCURSIONS DURING THE YEAR (OVERSEAS)

The following foreign places were visited by school staff and students during the year -

1. Bangkok - Two Junior and two Senior teams of YPS students visited Bangkok to attend the Global Regional Round of the World Scholars' Cup. The team qualified for the subsequent round.
2. Yale University, New Haven, USA - After performing well in the Global Regional Round, school team visited the famous university at Yale to participate in the final Global Round of the prestigious World Scholars' Cup. The team performed exceedingly well and clinched an array of medals.
3. Japan - Two staff members accompanied a team of 22 students for an educational tour to Japan. The team members visited famous places such as the biggest recycling plant of Japan at Yokohama, Mount Fuji and the Museum built at the Hiroshima nuclear blast site. They also witnessed, learnt and participated in ancient traditional art and customs of the country.





4. Oxford University, London, UK - A group of 22 students, escorted by two staff members, availed the opportunity to attend the 7 day Oxford University Model United Nations Conference MUN Conference, London, UK.
5. New Zealand - A group of six students and one staff member visited New Zealand to attend International Round Square Conference held at Whanganui Collegiate School. The theme of the conference was - 'Service and Leadership'.
6. Singapore - This was a recreational tour undertaken as a part of the annual excursions. The 24 students and two staff members visited landmark places which included the Universal Studios and the Sentosa Island.



EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES TO DENMARK AND JAPAN

Armaan Chahal and Krisha Sharma, XII Arts, attended a short term one month Exchange programme to Denmark from November 5 to December 5, 2023.

During their stay, they indulged in inter-cultural activities, attended classes at Ranum Efterskole College, Ranum and were exposed to a new lifestyle. Managing finances, maintaining tidy living spaces, exploring cities and watching the spectacular Northern Lights were some other fruitful pastimes they indulged in.

Arshpreet Kaur, XI Science, attended a 20 day Cultural-cum-Educational Exchange programme to Japan. The programme held under the aegis of YFU- Youth for Understanding - lasted from January 17 - February 6, 2024.

A total of 20 delegates from different countries attended the programme. The aim was to introduce the delegates to a new culture, way of living and lifestyle, and more so to experience the school life in Japan. They attended the Chubu University Haruhigaoka High School, Nagoya.

Arshpreet, during her stay, attended classes and participated in a number of other school activities, including becoming an active member of the Photography Club of the host school.





REPUBLIC DAY

Celebrations

The solemn occasion of the Republic Day was celebrated in the school with nationalistic fervour and zeal. The highlights of the function were the unfurling of the National Flag, the Director's address, students sharing the relevance of the occasion and the school NCC cadets staging a march past.





STAFF FAREWELL...

To our beloved teachers who hung up their spurs after years and years of dedicated service to this fine institution. Their sacrifices and efforts shall forever be remembered by their colleagues and students.

1. Mr. Gurdesh Dhiman
2. Mrs. Rajwinder Kaur
3. Mrs. Intu Ghuman

4. Mrs. Sangeeta Mallik
5. Mrs. Jaspreet Thind

6. Mrs. Simrat Malhotra
7. Mrs. Ranjit Kaur



...In Conversation - WITH SH. MANGAT RAM, SENIOR MOST MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

Q. When did you join YPS, Sir?

A. Well, it has been a long time now. I joined the school way back in 1977.

Q. What was the first job you were assigned in the school?

A. To begin with, I started working in the school mess. Interestingly, at that time, each house had its own separate mess. Initially, I was working in DRH where Mr. A. S. Jawanda was the Housemaster. It is sad to think that he passed away recently. He was a great man!

Q. Who was the Headmaster at that time?

A. Mr. H.N. Kashyap was the Headmaster of the school at that time. He had been a founding staff member of YPS and also holds the distinction of being one of the longest serving Headmasters of YPS. He was in office for more than 16 years.

Q. How has YPS changed over the years?

A. Well, to think of, everything has changed. So has education and so has the school. The strength of the school has almost doubled in the last four and a half decades. Students have become more smart, resourceful and confident. And how can one forget, that the world

becoming more competitive and expectations of parents and teachers from the students reaching sky high. But then, somewhere it bodes well for the future of the children.

Q. What are the advantages of working and studying in YPS? How is it better than other schools?

A. YPS is one of the foremost schools in the country and offers all facilities, be it to its employees or students. I remember watching so many students reaching top notch positions in life.

The school is a public school in the true sense and offers the scope for an all-round development of its students. The boarding life too is healthy and wholesome.

Q. When are you going to retire? What are your post retirement plans?

A. As is said, I have been working here for almost 47 years now. After retirement, I plan to keep on working in one way or the other. But that's for the future and I am still not very sure about it. Till then, I shall keep serving and doing the best for my school.

(Interview conducted by Gunwant Grewal ,XE)





YADAVINDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PATIALA

ISC (CLASS XII) BATCH : 2023-24



Jahnavi Jain Dhyanraj Singh Manmeet Brullar Manmeet Samaira Singh
 Gurshaan Singh Anagat Singh Jagpreet Singh Jasraj Singh Uday Patta Armaan Chahal Gurpreet
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 HV Karaninder Singh Gaurav Keerat Gurshaan Birangal Guneen Kaur Ranvir

Harshita Dhyakawachan Anvinder Krishna Sharma Saina Gupta (Cousin) Pratyusha Tansy
 Kaur Gosal Rishmeet Breen Arora Neel Kumar Rishi Sidhu Saurabh Singh Smandi
 Karuna Jain Khushraj Kunal Singh Nya Nya Piya Anurag Anurag Rishabh Saharan Anurag
 Anurag Aditya Nehmat Singh Anurag Anurag Anurag Singh Bilal Singh

Class XII - Arts

Aagman Singh Johal

A reader keen,
added zest to each discourse,
Ever ready to aid,
a super helpful force.

Amrinder Singh Brar

In politics immersed,
reserved in view,
Class debates sparked,
his rhetoric true.

Arjun Singh Gurm

A marksman skilled,
both silent and kind,
A true gentleman,
with clear goals aligned.

Armaan Singh Chahal

Creativity flowed,
in self-composed song,
Debated issues with
socio-political throng.

Armaan Singh Sidhu

In profound silence,
wisdom's presence near,
With sharpshooter's skill,
opinions clear.

Arshpreet Kaur

Girls' Boarding House Captain,
responsibilities embraced,
Enthusiastic in her leadership,
her humility showcased

Avneet Kaur

Shy and reserved,
with friends in a close-knit fold,
Immaculately dressed,
behavior exemplary and bold.

Dhananjay Gupta

A sports virtuoso,
in accolades he'd delve,
Excelling in games,
and academics as well.

Divya Kaur Sekhon

In quiet demeanor,
her special grace did unfold,
Warm in her friendliness,
loveliness to behold.

Enayat Kaur Sandhu

In school's pursuits,
Deputy Head Girl shone bright,
Academics held high,
she was the podium's delight.

Eshneet Kaur

A reader avid,
positivity her guide,
ECA, Sports, and studies,
in harmony reside.

Guraman Singh Brar

Soft-spoken, introvert,
a gentleman's grace,
Treasured by friends,
in high regard's embrace.

Gurmehar Kaur

Creative soul,
poems she'd weave,
Conversing on life,
dear friends she'd cleave.

Gurshaan Singh

Adversity he bore with
a composed smile,
He was liked for his jolly,
soft-spoken style.

Harshita Singh Jolly

Organized and smart,
with friends she'd blend,
Travel and fashion,
her passions transcend.

Jahnvi Jain

Bubbly and cheerful,
art her voice,
ECA Prefect,
responsibilities her choice.

Jasjot Singh

Private and reserved,
with close friends he'd share,
Well-behaved and courteous,
grace beyond compare.

Karni Pratap Chattha

In every heart,
he held a cherished place,
Caring, enthusiastic,
leaving an unforgettable trace.

Krishna Sharma

Avid reader,
in Extra Curriculars thriving,
Opinions definite,
with clear plans deriving.

Mahtaab Singh Bhullar

Tallest in the batch,
soft-spoken and kind,
Popular among friends,
he loved to unwind

Manchalnoor Singh

His gentle ways did
optimism embrace,
Endearing to all,
nature's lover in grace.

Manmeet Kaur

DRH House Captain,
with her duties in sight,
Showing prowess,
put up a sportsman's fight

Muskan Kaur

Shy and reserved,
with keen love for the game,
This Hockey player
hopes to touch great fame

Neel Kumar

Self-assured with remarks
witty and bright,
Courteous and amiable,
a friend's delight.

Preen Arora

With novels by her side,
had the writer's art,
Fashion blogger,
she crafted from her heart.

Sabir Ahluwalia

In books' embrace,
a reserved soul,
So kind-hearted,
a friend's console.

Saina Gupta

An artist, a poet,
the class' agony aunt,
Kind and empathetic,
a sought-after haunt.

Samaira Singh

Soft-spoken, well-behaved,
impeccably dressed,
The Head Girl's eloquence
in debates had us impressed

Shikhar Rallan

Passionate about Badminton,
success he found,
An inspiration indeed,
his story did astound

Shivkaran Singh

Keen shooter, friend
dependable and true,
Resilience and confidence,
defining his view.

Sifat Sidhu

Ace swimmer, mentored
juniors with grace,
A cheerful smile adorned
her kind face

Uday Singh Batra

As the School Captain,
clarity was his guide,
Organized, methodical,
success did he ride

Bidding Goodbye...

Class XII - Science

Bidding Goodbye...

Aadesveer Singh

Leader of band,
with instruments he was grand,
Soft-spoken and friendly,
yet a fire brand

Arvind Singh

In manners, he was polite,
a quiet soul,
In studies, methodical,
sincere as a whole.

Bilaval Singh Shergill

An ace on horseback,
always smartly arrayed,
In speech and conduct,
his brilliance displayed.

Bir Angad Singh

Powered by words,
his creativity took flight,
Designing a humanoid,
has been his foresight

Class XII - Science

Bidding Goodbye...

Dewan Saniaz

With dreams of the forces,
his spirit took flight,
In work, he was eager,
polite, a pure delight.

Gurkirpa Singh Sarao

A wizard in science,
with intelligence as his banner,
In creative writing, no amateur,
this long distance runner.

Gurman Singh Boparai

On cricket field, he was the
Captain, bold and sprightly,
In class, helpful, friendly,
his aura shining brightly.

Gurshaan Singh

A cyclist of excellence,
from a crash he did rebound,
With cheer in his heart,
his spirit uniquely profound.

Gurveen Kaur Kaleka

A chatterbox she was,
with knowledge vast and wide,
An avid reader, polite,
with manners as her guide.

Karaninder Singh

As Deputy Head Boy,
his conduct was revered,
Well-behaved and diligent,
by all he was endeared.

Keerat Singh

In studies bright,
in books immersed
Kind soul, composed,
his virtues disbursed

Mannat Ghuman

Adept at styling braids,
her craftiness so fine,
In academics sincere,
her reverence did shine.

Nehmat Bikram Shergill

A student of science,
for nature she did yearn,
Witty and kind, with
a quickness did she learn.

Rabbani Saharan

A swimmer so slick,
she did glide with ease,
Her warmth and good
conduct did everyone please.

Ranvir Singh

He had it all: brains, brawn,
and friends galore
He was tall, athletic, smart,
intelligent, and more

Shaunak Singla

Introspective, intelligent,
and diligent in work
Once assigned a job,
never ever did he shirk

Sumer Singh

Smart and a great swimmer,
he had clarity of his goal
Liked by his friends,
one could trust him with any role

Class XII - Commerce

Bidding Goodbye...

Aayush Sood

In MUN conferences,
he'd eagerly partake,
Academically too,
a mark he'd make.

Abhiraj Krishan Puri

A good cricketer
and tall he stood,
Quick-witted,
enigmatic in all he would.

Adishree Rai Sood

Mohindrian Captain,
always at the helm,
A skier, a debater,
a swimming gem.

Aditya Jain

A scholar so calm, with
a thirst for the unseen,
For facing new trials,
his spirit always keen.

Armaan Jot Sandhu

Calm and diligent,
he was full of grace,
Carried out his duties,
at a steady pace.

Aryan Khanna

A swimmer of Punjab State,
to school's delight,
In Inter-House activities,
he shone bright.

Avtaar Ahluwalia

Dhani-Ram Prefect, with
badminton's sway,
A national player,
leading the way.

Chirag Marwaha

Vice Captain of cricket, with
victory's bat,
Cheerful was his presence,
wherever he sat

Hariom Arora

NSS' call he answered
with a heart so keen,
In the business world,
his interest was seen

Harshita Thaman

The Captain of ECA,
her charm did shine.
An anchor for shows and
a swimmer fine.

Japamjeet Singh

A singer in the making,
his voice so grand,
Played the drum effortlessly
in the School Band.

Jashanjot Singh Sachdeva

In the Gentlemen's Game,
a cricketer of excellence,
Strategic his moves,
calm and joy his stance.

Jiya Garg

A girl so dutiful,
in academics she was bright,
Responsibility her virtue,
reverence the shining light.

Kabir Sabharwal

A teacher's delight,
a scholar profound,
In quizzes and MUNs,
his intellect did astound.

Kartik Garg

With hockey stick in hand,
he was a sight to cheer,
Scaled mountains high,
without any fear.

Karuna Jain

As ECA prefect,
she was firm yet polite,
On the hockey field,
she was a striking sight.

Khushnoor Kaur

In the game of hoops,
she was a sight to behold,
A jovial girl, her smiles
worth more than gold.

Khushraaz Nehal

An NSS volunteer,
working with all his might.
In the field of sports,
he was a diligent knight.

Manhar Aggarwal

A skater at state level,
a cadet of NCC's frontier,
Also a mountaineer,
conquering peaks without fear.

Moksh Gupta

Captain of Phulkian House,
a boy obedient and bright,
On the basketball court,
he was an excellent sight.

Nisha Choudhary

Spirit lively,
stayed in a close-knit ring,
With cherished friends,
she loved to swing.

Nischay Gupta

A favourite of young boarders,
cordial and kind,
In his work sincere,
respect for teachers in his mind

Nysa Tripathi

She was witty and ever so
bubbly,
In the realm of happiness,
forever happy.

Parina Dhaliwal

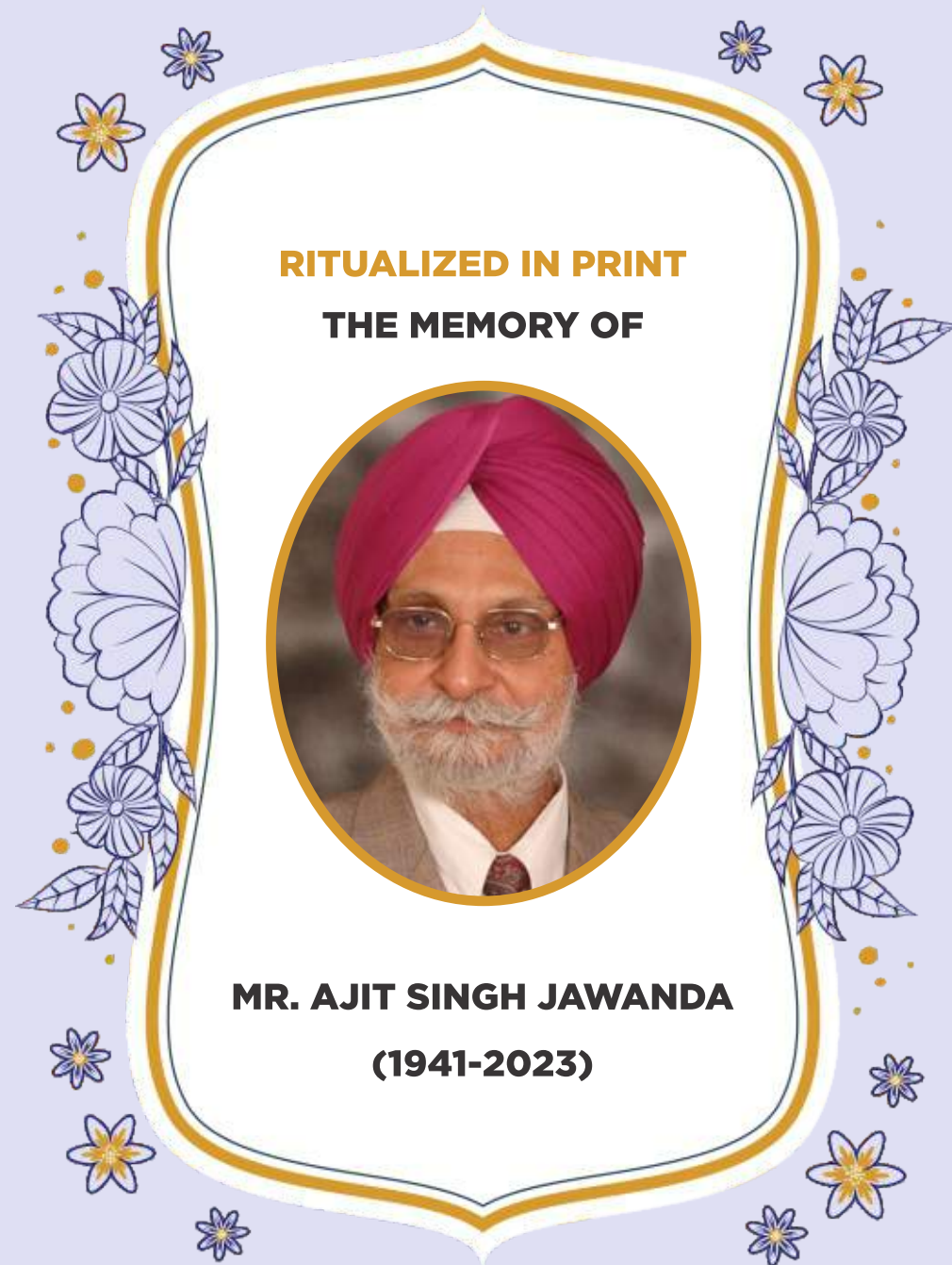
In MUN and debates,
she found her voice,
NSS and Round Square,
her preferred choice.

Priyanshu Gupta

A diligent lad,
responsibility was his toy,
Honoured his teachers,
found academics a joy.

Viraaj Singh

On horseback, in football,
displayed a grace
Had Drummer's rhythm,
beat boxing he did ace



The words - a solicitous father, dedicated grandfather, and trailblazing educationist only begin to describe the illustrious man that Mr. Ajit Singh Jawanda was. Born in 1941, Mr. Jawanda began his journey at YPS as a student in 1948. Having spent his formative years at YPS, Mr. Jawanda remembered his Headmaster, Col. Frank Von Goldstein, being like a father figure to all. Vivacious and brimming with life, he joined YPS as a teacher and rose to the rank of Housemaster, ultimately serving as the Headmaster of the school from 1998-2001.

An exemplary leader who executed all of his duties with a dignified panache, Mr. Jawanda, in an interview with 'The Yadavindrian', recounted conveying to Raj Mata Mohinder Kaur whilst she was visiting the school to understand its growing infrastructural needs, the need for new classrooms. With the help of Raj Mata Sahiba, his vision crystallised and a new block of classrooms was added to the campus. He was particularly fond of the lush green school fields and the delectable school food, which, he opined, is a great asset to every boarding school.

He was filled to the brim with a childlike curiosity, and ardently relished hockey. For this great man, teaching was never limited to the classroom. Humble, poised, and approachable to the core, words could never fully capture the essence of his warm demeanour. A Yadavindrian through and through, his memory shall forever be cherished by everyone near and far.

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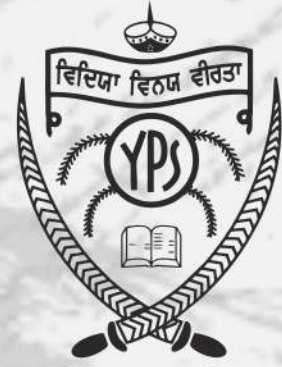
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